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Port Almanac—December 10.

Sun Rises	6.59 A M
Sun Sets	4 46 P M
Day's Length	9 h 47 m
High Water at Southport	11.41 P
High Water at Wilmington	1.24 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec 10.

Meteorological data for yesterday: Temperature: 8 a. m., 61°; 8 p. m., 58°; maximum, 63°; minimum, 52°; mean, 58°. Rainfall for the day, .06; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 2 38.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 8—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 13 5 feet

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Fair, slightly warmer; southwesterly winds.

For South Carolina—Fair, warmer in the interior; westerly winds.

OUTLINES.

Three joint resolutions were introduced in the Senate, having reference to the independence of Cuba; at a meeting of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, it was decided that some steps should be taken by them to correct the evils in the banking and currency system. —— The Seaboard Air Line complains of the discrimination made against it by the Southern States Passenger Association, and asks the North Carolina Railway Commission to prevent it. —— Brown Bros. tobacco factory at Winston, N. C., has been burned, causing a loss of $150 000, with $59,000 insurance. —— President Cleveland's reference to Cuba and Spain in his message greatly excited Madrid newspapers, which declare that the intervention of the United States in Cuba would be unbearably humiliating to Spain. —— Fitzsimmons has brought suit against Sharkey to recover the $10 000 for which they fought. —— Havana newspapers print articles upon the alleged death of Maceo, and express joy over the report of his demise; insurgents attacked a town near Havana, setting fire to many houses. —— Teddy Hale was the winner in the international bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, New York, making 1,000 miles in sixty six hours and eleven minutes, sixty seven miles ahead of the best previous record. —— An aggressive campaign for free silver is to be maintained in every county in the United States until election day in 1900; the national bureau of volunteers is to be organized, with headquarters in Washington, and it is the intention of the bureau to have 5 000 speakers in the field within the next three months. —— Robbers attempted to hold up a train in the suburbs of St. Louis. —— In a murder trial at Oxford, N C., two women and three men were convicted; one man was sentenced to be hanged, and the others were sentenced to the penitentiary. —— While a party of deputy sheriffs were looking for two outlaws in the western part of the State, they were fired upon from ambuscade and one of the posse was killed. —— New York markets: Money on call was easy at 1½@2 per cent., last loan at 1½ per cent., closing offered at 1½ per cent.; cotton quiet and steady—middling gulf —c, middling 7 7-16c; Southern flour dull, easy and unchanged—common to fair extra $3 05@3 60; good to choice $3 60@3 90; wheat—spot dull and easier, closing steady; ungraded red 80@97c; corn—spot dull and firm; No. 2 29c at elevator and 30c afloat; rosin steady—strained common to good $1 82½; spirits turpentine quiet and steady at 27½@28c.

The Democratic party is not dead in Massachusetts. The Democrats have elected their Mayor in Chicopee.

There is hope for Chicago. Some pious Chinamen have built a temple there and established a mission to convert the benighted Chicagoans to Confucianism.

Chicago is one of the great food-distributing centers of this country, and yet it is reported that there are 800 families in that town on the verge of starvation.

What economy and thrift will do is shown by the fact that Queen Victoria is credited with owning $150,000,000, all of which has been accumulated since she came on the throne.

Up to June 30th last Uncle Sam had disposed of 965,000,000 acres of his land, but he is not land poor yet as he has about 600,000,000 acres left, not including about 340,000,000 acres in Alask.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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Some fellow who has kept tab on the reports of fights in Cuba, as reported by the Spanish authorities, finds that the Spaniards have killed 7,800 Cubans, wounded 19,100 and captured 4,000, while they have lost in killed 720 and had 1,900 wounded. This indicates that the Cubans were poor shots or that the Spaniards were careful to keep out of the range of their guns and the swing of the machetes. It also indicates that somebody has been lying like the mischief and killing rebs by report.

Spain doesn't like what the President has to say in his message about Cuba, notwithstanding the fact that he patted the Spaniards on the back and commended their patriotism. They may be glad, however, that Senator Mills is not President, for in that case they might expect to be jumped on without ceremony, and with heavy boots.

Some of the "Democratic" papers that helped elect McKinley seem to be shocked at the idea of Mr. Hanna going into Mr. McKinley's Cabinet. But why? Mr. Hanna has demonstrated that he is no slouch, he is an orthodox Republican, and as for patriotism, honesty, respectability and all that sort of thing, he is as good as any of them.

A Boston man, who was in the habit of dining at a restaurant, discovered after tipping his favorite waiter for several years that the waiter owned several houses in the city and had a bank account that made him a bloated plutocrat, compared with the gentleman who had been tipping him. The tipping has ceased.

The agent of the Spanish Government, who has been sent to Texas to buy horses for the Spanish army in Cuba, has a good job. The Government allows him $20 a head for the horses bought, and he gets all he wants at from $4 to $5 a head, which makes him decidedly ahead in the transaction.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

KIRMESS—Rehearsals.
THE MAYOR—Sealed proposals.
A. D. BROWN—Christmas offerings.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

ELOPEMENT—False rumor.
PALACE BAKERY—Candy.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. Will C. Dodson, N. C., is in the city.

— Mr. R. Percy Gray, of Greensboro, came in last evening.

— Mr. James Allen, day clerk at The Orton, is reported to be quite sick.

— Mr. Oscar High, of Whiteville, was here yesterday, making business calls.

— Mr. Wade Leonard, who has been visiting friends in Elizabethtown, has returned to the city.

— Miss Martha Williams returned last night from Fayetteville, where she has been visiting friends.

— Mr. Jas. W. Worth, of Augusta, Me., is in the city en route for Marines, Onslow county, where he will be the guest of Mr. S. H. Thomas.

— Mr. Jno. T. Patrick, of Southern Pines, N. C., a prominent official of the Southern Inter-State Immigration and Industrial Association, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. N. A. Carter, a prominent merchant of Maxton, was one of yesterday's arrivals. Other hotel registrations yesterday were Messrs. J. A. Westbrook, Mount Olive; B. E. Barnes, Mount Olive; J. P. Taylor, Kinston.

—Mr. J. B. Harper left for Charleston, S. C., yesterday afternoon. He has been engaged for some time past with Mr. J. Hicks Bunting, but leaves him to accept a position at the Palmetto Pharmacy, of Charleston. His family will join him at an early date.

"A Pious Fraud" To-Morrow Night.

Though the box-sheet for that roaring farce comedy, "A Pious Fraud," which is to be given by home talent to-morrow night, was only opened at Gerken's yesterday, yet the sheet closely resembles a Kansas homestead after a cyclone; but notwithstanding there are some good seats yet left, and those who have not already reserved their seats should lose no time in doing so. Help the good cause and call at Gerken's early in the day.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— For the past ten days there has been a revival in progress at the Second Advent Church.

— The famous violinist, Eduard Remenji, of Hungary, will play in Fayetteville next week.

— The little girl found on the streets Tuesday night by Mr. J. P. Flynn, was restored to her parents yesterday.

— An important meeting of the Baptist Choral Society will be held to-night. Every member is urged to be present.

— Wm. Ames, colored, before Justice Bunting yesterday, charged with assault and battery, was found guilty and fined ten dollars and costs.

— Members of the three lodges of Odd Fellows of this city will meet with Wilmington Lodge to-night and confer the initiatory and first degree.

— Sandy Moore, the colored man who was injured in a difficulty with Mr. L. Vollers, at Point Caswell last Monday, was reported yesterday as improving and out of danger.

— Sympathizers with Cuba in its struggle for freedom are not wanting in Wilmington. Deepest concern was expressed yesterday when the rumor became current that Maceo had been slain.

— A stereopticon entertainment will be given in Brooklyn Baptist Church to-night for the benefit of the poor children of the city. A small admission fee will be charged and it is to be hoped the good cause will be encouraged by a large audience.

— A little excitement was caused at the foot of Market street yesterday afternoon by a horse attached to a cart, in which was seated R. F. Holmes, colored. After kicking and rearing for a few minutes the horse succeeded in displacing the rider and overturning the cart. No further damage was done.

— The old and well-known dry goods house of A. D. Brown is represented in the STAR to-day through an advertisement of "Christmas Offerings," embracing numerous articles of substantial value, and in every way suited to the wants of those who wish to make holiday presents. Capt. Brown has been in the business here so long, and is so favorably known, that it is hardly necessary to go into details as to quality and prices of his goods.

Newly Elected Magistrates Not Yet Qualified to Try Cases.

A case involving the legal qualification of recently elected justices of the peace was tried yesterday in a magistrate's court.

Last Tuesday, A. J. Hewlett, one of the newly elected justices, tried a case in which seven witnesses testified, and yesterday one of the witnesses was arrested, charged with perjury. The case was tried by Justice McGowan. Counsel for defendant, Mr. Herbert McClammy argued that Justice Hewlett was not qualified, that the trial was illegal, and therefore no action for perjury could be sustained. The new law, Mr. McClammmy said, provided for the election of justices, but stipulated no time when they should enter upon their duties, while the old law fixed the first day of August as the beginning of their term of office. Mr. McClammy cited an opinion of the attorney general sustaining his position, and at the conclusion of the argument Justice McGowan rendered decision, dismissing the case.

"A Midnight Bell" at the Opera House the Evening.

To-night at the Opera House theatregoers will have the pleasure of seeing Hoyt's greatest comedy, "A Midnight Bell," with that sterling and favorite comedian, Digby Bell, who is ably seconded by his talented wife, Laura Joyce Bell, in the leading role. Mr. Bell, who has been playing before the public for a number of years in comic opera, is too well known to need his praises sung, and the same can be said of the author, Chas. Hoyt. The play will be presented in an elaborate manner by a metropolitan cast. Every detail as to scenery, properties and accessories has received the fullest attention of the management, and no expense has been spared to in every way bring the production up to the standard of Messrs. Hoyt and McKee's well established reputation for perfection in detail.

Seats are now on sale at Gerken's.

Roberts—Dudley.

The wedding bells again rang out from Grace M. E. church yesterday afternoon, announcing that Mr. W. W. Roberts and Miss Mary K. Dudley, both of this city, had been made one. The ceremony was performed before a large gathering of friends and relatives by the Rev. G. D. Bernheim. Mr. Hiram Worth was best man to the groom, and Miss Annie Dudley, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. The ushers were Messrs. C. H. Robinson, Jr., Ed. Huggins, J. C. Bowden and W. H. Howell. Mr. Ed. Munson presided at the organ.

After the wedding the happy couple left for an extended tour South.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Jno. L. Dudley, and the groom is an employe of the firm of Messrs. Worth & Worth, and highly esteemed.

Plantagenet Commandery.

At a meeting of the Lodge Plantagenet Commandery, last night, the following officers were elected, and will be installed on the second Wednesday night in January:

E. C.—E. P. Bailey.
G.—W. P. Toomer.
C. G.—J. W. Monroe.
P.—G. Z. French.
S. W.—A. S. Heide.
J. W.—J. W. Jackson.
Treasurer—J. C. Munds.
Recorder—H. G. Smallbones.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ANOTHER MEETING OF THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD.

Resolutions Concerning the County Home and Other Matters Adopted—Chairman Foster's Tax Exhibit.

The County Commissioners met in adjourned session yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. Present, Commissioners Foster, Dempsey, and Nixon (colored.)

After the reading of the minutes, Commissioner Nixon introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

"The services of all persons serving under the appointment of this Board who contract bills and refuse to pay them will be discontinued."

Commissioner Dempsey offered the following, which was also adopted, viz:

Ordered, by the Board of County Commissioners of New Hanover county, that the farm be cut off from the County Home, reserving the grounds and two acres for a garden for the Home; that on the farm, a good distance from the Home, a plain farm-house and barracks for the prisoners be built; that the farm be let out to the highest responsible bidder, due regard being had to the character and humanity of the bidder; the said successful bidder shall have charge of the prisoners and be required under bond to be approved by this Board to maintain and safely keep them for their labor. That a man and his wife of undoubted Christian character, competent to manage practical affairs, who are charitable and humane and in sympathy with the poor and needy, be employed as superintendent and matron of the County Home at a salary of $—— per month for both.

That this Board furnish to said superintendent everything necessary for the maintenance and proper care of the inmates.

That the chairman of this Board request the Associated Charities to appoint a board of lady visitors who will have authority only to visit, investigate and report to this Board.

Resolved, That the chairman of this Board is hereby authorized and empowered to take such measures to carry into effect the foregoing resolutions as in his judgment may seem proper; to employ a superintendent and matron and to do such things, in connection with the conduct of the County Home, as he may consider necessary.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Nixon and adopted by the Board:

Resolved, That the powers heretofore delegated by the Board of County Commissioners of New Hanover county to its chairman, be and are hereby continued, and that between the meetings of this Board the chairman shall have all the authority to represent this Board that the Board can legally confer upon him.

Commissioner Dempsey introduced the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the County Treasurer be requested to furnish the Board at once with a full statement of the financial condition of the county on the first Monday of December, 1896, including its bonded and floating indebtedness.

Mr. S. VanAmringe presented a petition asking, as Treasurer of the county, that he be allowed an office in the Court House. Referred to the chairman.

A. J. Marshall, Esq., appeared before the Commissioners and asked that the assessment on the two-story brick building, No. 9 North Front street, be reduced. Laid over.

A petition from citizens asking that Oak Grove cemetery be placed in good condition was ordered on file.

Mr. Marshall again appeared before the Board and asked that the tax on the property of Mrs. Ketchum, a widow with seven children, the oldest twelve years old, be abated and the Board aid her in in any way they could.

Action was postponed until next meeting.

It was ordered by the Board that the tax assessed against E. S. Latimer for 1896, on solvent credits, amounting to $18,000 be abated, as the same were erroneously listed.

The assessment on Mr. J. Weil's house in block 157, was corrected from $2,500 to $1,500.

On motion, W. J. Harriss, colored, was elected Standard Keeper.

The following resolution was adopted:

That the chairman of this Board is hereby requested to consult with the Chamber of Commerce and other commercial bodies of the City of Wilmington and receive from them any suggestions that they may see fit to make to the Board of Commissioners with reference to a proper and economical administration of the affairs of the county government.

The Board then adjourned, to meet again the 4th of January, 1897, at 11 a. m.

Before adjournment Chairman Foster said that the commissioners wanted to consult with Marsden Bellamy, Esq., the attorney of the board, with a view of getting him to draw up a bill for the Legislature, if he thought advisable, to pass a special law in regard to the County Commissioners; that there was a general law showing what they may, can and shall do. "The county of New Hanover," he said, "is about 93½ per cent. the city of Wilmington, and we are responsible for everything." "Some counties," he said, "don't raise enough tax to pay their representatives mileage to Raleigh and return, while the taxes here paid in the treasury, including only four years of county taxes and twenty years of city, have been $3,856,897, not including schedule B tax." "I want Mr. Bellamy," he said, "to draw a bill; first send it to the Chamber of Commerce for endorsement, and then to the Legislature. We want the bill to give us such power, in keeping with our duties, which we may perform in accordance with the law; to point out the duties, privileges and rights of the County Commissioners, and only let us appropriate money when we have the law to justify it."

The following data was kindly furnished the STAR yesterday by Col. F. W. Foster, chairman of the County Commissioners. The figures show the county tax collected for the last four years:

Schedule B tax	$ 11,886.81
Liquor tax	48,480.76
Tax in general	155,106.40
Total	$215,473.97

Aggregate tax for twenty years, estimated on four years, $1,077,369.85.

Gross expenses of the city for the following years:

1877	$ 102,003.87
1878	105 477.54
1879	221,288 77
1880	142,528 55
1881	199,853 78
1882	162,176 22
1883	183,996 68
1884	186 676 22
1885	144 691.86
1886	160,371.27
1887	312,606 18
1888	302,687 82
1889	285 924 34
1890	183,879 69
1891	210,318.18
1892	253 080.69
1893	168,487.18
1894	178,658.35
1895*	211,784 97
1896 (estimated)	139,800.00
Grand total	$3,701,791.11

*This includes $50,000 bonds.

REV. MARK S. GROSS.

The Church in North Carolina Laments the Loss Sustained by His Death—High Mass Celebrated in St. Thomas' Pro-Cathedral—Addresses by Fathers Griffin and Dennen—Resolutions Offered by the Young Catholic Friends' Society Adopted.

Yesterday morning at 9 o'clock solemn High Mass for the dead was celebrated at St. Thomas' Catholic church in honor of Rev. Father Gross by Rev. Father Griffin. After this ceremony, Rev Father Dennen spoke briefly and earnestly upon the life and labors of the deceased priest.

It is characteristic of our nature, he said, to pay tribute to the memory of one whom in life we loved and admired. The distinguished statesman, the victorious general, the faithful servant of his country, all these receive the meed of praise. But, continued Father Dennen, the congregation had assembled not alone to give utterance to expressions of respect and esteem, but for another purpose as well, namely, to offer up their united prayers that the spirit of Father Gross might be purged from all stains and enter fully into the reward that awaits the righteous, for we dare not claim that even so good a man as Father Gross was free from imperfection. Father Gross came to this city in 1868. His life and energies were devoted to the dissemination of Christian truths and the alleviation of suffering, with no other motive than consecration to duty. He went in and out before the people, a model servant of his master. The most striking characteristics of his nature were his humility, and his liberality sometime bordering on prodigality.

At the conclusion of Father Dennen's remarks the congregation was resolved into a public meeting, Mr. M. J. Corbett calling the meeting to order and requesting Capt. Jno. F. Divine to act as chairman. Capt. Divine took the chair and requested Mr. William Flanagan to act as secretary. The object of the meeting was announced as being to pass on a set of resolutions which a committee appointed the previous Sunday at a meeting of the Young Catholic Friends Society had prepared. The resolutions with prefatory remarks were as follows:

At a meeting of the Young Catholic Friends' Society held Sunday, December 6th, a committee consisting of F. W. Kerchner, D. O'Connor, M. J. Corbett, T. Donlan, J. W. Reilly and William Flanagan was appointed to call on Rev. Father Dennen to take action in reference to the demise of Rev. Father Gross. It was decided that the whole congregation should testify their respect in the adoption of resolutions appropriate to the memory of the deceased. With this end in view, the gentlemen named, Father Dennen being requested to act as chairman, formed a committee to present the following resolutions for the approbation of the congregation:

Resolved, That in the death of the Rev. Mark S. Gross, the Church in North Carolina laments the loss of the faithful priest whose life was devoted to the promulgation of her faith and who, by his labors, extended the benign influence of her sacred teachings.

Resolved, That with grateful recognition we record that, from the first moment of his entering upon the duties of his mission in this city till failing health necessitated his leaving, he was untiring in his labors for the welfare of those confided to his spiritual care. The many missions and chapels called into existence by his industry and energy will long remain to perpetuate the memory of his religious zeal and the benevolence of his heart.

Resolved, That while we bow in humility to the dispensations of the Almighty who has taken him to his eternal reward, we are consoled by the reflection that the memory of his virtues and labors will endure to animate others in his great mission of charity and benevolence.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of the deceased.

Father Dennen after a few appropriate remarks concerning the resolutions, moved their adoption, and by a standing vote the resolutions were unanimously adopted. The meeting then adjourned.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—323 bales cotton.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—439 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 181 bbls rosin, 23 bbls tar, 10 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—173 bales cotton, 28 casks spirits turpentine, 178 bbls rosin, 18 bbls tar, 38 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—9 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 16 bbls tar.

Steamer Frank Sessoms—51 bales cotton.

Schooner Gold Leaf—6 bales cotton, 12 casks spirits turpentine, 10 bbls tar.

Schooner Argyle—18 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 8 bbls rosin.

Total receipts—Cotton, 896 bales; spirits turpentine, 52 casks; rosin, 369 bbls; tar, 65 bbls; crude turpentine, 48 bbls.

RALEIGH NEWS LETTER.

WAKE COUNTY'S NEW BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ORGANIZED.

Federal Court in Session—A Hundred and Fifty Cases on the Docket—Treasurer Worth and the Pamlico Oyster Cases—Insane Asylum—Railway Commission's Report—Gunning Accident.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 9.

Federal Court is in session, Judge Seymour presiding. Over one hundred moonshiners have arrived. There are about one hundred and fifty cases docketed.

The new Board of County Commissioners organized and elected J. C. L. Harris attorney. The Board accepted the bonds of Sheriff-elect Ham T. Jones, which amount to $115,000. Mr. Jones gave his principal bonds through the Fidelity Company of Baltimore. Mr. Jones was administered the oath of office before noon. Mr. Page, the retiring sheriff, has made a splendid official. Mr. C. B. Ray will be elected superintendent of the county institutions to succeed Mr. W. H. Allen. This is the most desirable office within the gift of the commissioners.

Dr. Cytus Thompson was here yesterday. He is a delegate to the Methodist Conference and was on his way to Kinston.

Treasurer Worth gets a rehearing in the Pamlico oyster cases. On application of Maj. Guthrie, attorney for Treasurer Worth, Judge Clark granted an order for rehearing. Treasurer Worth, it will be remembered, refused to pay the bill of costs in the cases where the county proceeded against certain persons occupying oyster beds.

I learn that at Lillington, Harnett county, a negro magistrate tried a white man one day last week, imposing a penalty on the latter. The people all over Harnett are said to be worked up over the incident.

The executive committee of the Board of Directors of the Insane Asylum met here yesterday. The committee will make its report to the Board, which meets in this city.

The report of the Railway Commission has been prepared in book form. The statistics and facts of interest were published in the STAR from advance sheets some weeks ago.

Berry Moneghan, a young man about 19 years of age, was badly shot Monday while out rabbit hunting. A gun in the hands of his companion, Sion Faison, was accidentally discharged.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, December 9.—The Populist State Chairman has made a statement which has a very important bearing on the much discussed Senatorial question in North Carolina. He says: "If an expression of the popular will shall have its proper influence in the Legislature in the matter of electing a United States Senator, and I doubt not such influence will prevail, the proprieties will demand the election of a silver Republican. I am of the opinion that the Populist members will be more than willing to support such a candidate."

THE STRAIGHT STORY.

How Deputy Moffitt Was Killed—Moonshiner Lee Turner Was Killed by Deputy Hoover—Turner Was a Bad Man from Way Back.

The *News and Observer* gives the following as an authentic story of the recent tragedy in Montgomery county:

The report, sent out from Greensboro, that Deputy Collector E. A. Moffitt shot and killed Lee Turner, the Montgomery moonshiner, after being shot himself, proves to be untrue. Deputy Collector Vanderford, of the Western district, who is here attending Federal Court, says that Deputy Hoover killed Turner, and that Moffitt did not even get his pistol out of its scabbard.

Moffitt, he says, learned that Turner had an illicit still near Pennington's Ferry, in Montgomery county, and he started there on Thursday in company with Deputies Hoover and Freeman, to break it up. They reached there Friday, found the still and, about 5 o'clock in the evening, cut it up. In the still house they caught one of Lee Turner's sons. He asked them to go with him home that he might get his coat. They went. When they got there Lee Turner came out to meet them, standing in the little piazza in front of his house. Mr. Moffitt told him what they had come for and remarked further that he was a Deputy Collector and had a search-warrant for his premises.

"To this Turner replied that he didn't care a d—n for his search-warrant, for his being a deputy or for his pop-gun pistol."

Deputy Hoover then said he would go in and search the place. Turner thereupon reached up just over the entrance to the piazza and took down a large rock, remarking that he would kill any man who tried to enter his house. Moffitt then got down from his horse and joined Hoover. As he did so Turner walked backwards to his door, seized a double-barrel shot-gun and fired both barrels in quick succession. The first shot missed its mark, the second proved fatal to Mr. Moffitt.

Just as Turner fired the second time Hoover began shooting. He shot three times, one ball taking effect in Turner's head and two in his body. In the meantime the boy who had been arrested at the distillery escaped, but another son, about 17 years old, rushed out with a single-barrel gun and shot at Hoover, but without effect.

The rest of the story is substantially as already related in the *News and Observer*. Mr. Vanderford says it is a fact that the neighbors positively refused to lend Hoover and Freeman any assistance after Moffitt's death, and that Hoover was compelled to remain alone with the body while he sent to Asheboro for assistance. During the night the boy who was arrested at the still and escaped while the shooting was going on returned to the Turner home, where Hoover was guarding the body. He has not since been arrested.

Turner was a man of about 55 years, and had the reputation of being a desperate man.

JUDGE BOYKIN

Tendered His Resignation as Judge of the Superior Court, to Take Effect December 31st.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 9.—Judge Boykin tendered his resignation to-day to Governor Carr as Superior Court Judge, to take effect December 31st. Judge Boykin's term does not expire for two years. He will devote his entire time to the practice of law.

— Mrs. E. R. Aiken, of Greenville, N. C., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Westbrook, on South Fifth street.

THE MORNING STAR.

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An Alleged Store-breaker Captured.

Wm. Bell, colored, was arrested and landed in jail last night by Deputy Sheriff J. P. Flynn and Police Officer Huggins, on a warrant charging him with robbery. About two months ago an attempt was made to burglarize a store kept by a son of Police Officer Kuhl, corner of Sixth and Nixon streets. Mr. Kuhl, who was sleeping in the store at the time, heard some one at the blinds and fired his pistol through the blinds and the intruder disappeared. Deputy Sheriff Flynn immediately set to work upon the case and finally arrested Bell. The accused will be given a hearing before Justice Bunting this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Died at the City Hospital.

Jesse Keller, a young white man who came here sick last Saturday from Durham, N. C., died yesterday morning in the City Hospital. The cause of death was appendicitis followed by peritonitis. He had the attention of several physicians and everything possible for his relief was done, but without avail. The remains were prepared for interment by Mr. Jas. F. Woolvin, undertaker, and were sent to the home of the deceased at Glenlock, Pa.

— Mr. W. S. Wishart, who has been in the employment of Messrs. W. E. Worth & Co. several years, leaves for Greensboro, to-morrow, where he will be temporarily engaged with the Greensboro Ice and Coal Co., of which Mr. W. E. Worth is President. His many friends here hope to see him back soon.

MAXTON GLEANINGS.

[*Maxton Reporter of the Lumberton Robesonian.*]

Captain Sellars has the lumber on his lot on Main street ready to begin the erection of a dwelling as soon as the weather will permit. Pryor Ancrum and Troy Anderson are both building dwellings; and the colored Presbyterians are erecting a church.

Mr. W. A. Lowe fell from the back steps of his dwelling last Saturday night and injured his left arm. His right arm was broken by a fall last year, from which it has never entirely recovered. Andrew Malloy, colored, fell on the ice and had to be carried to his house.

The Maxton Guards had their annual election last Thursday in the Armory. The following were elected: J. S. McRae, Captain; Rev. W. M. Jones, First Lieutenant; Prof. R. P. Johnson, Second Lieutenant; M. G. McKenzie, President; E. L. McCormac, Vice President and Secretary; J. S. McRae, Treasurer.

The Late Miss Bagot.

Under the caption "A Noble Woman Gone," the Plainfield (N. J.) *Press* pays the following tribute to the late Miss A. C. Bagot:

A telegram was received this afternoon announcing the sudden death at 7 o'clock this morning of Miss A. C. Bagot, at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. J. Powers, Wilmington, N. C. Miss Bagot spent all of last Winter at the home of her cousin, Mrs. A. L. Force, 89 Duer street, and that home was truly made brighter by her presence. None knew her but to love her, and her sudden death will sadden many hearts in Plainfield and very many in Brooklyn, where she has resided all her life. But blessed be God, she is among the redeemed in Heaven, having given her heart to Christ early in life.

Accident to T. A. Norment.

Lumberton *Robesonian*: Mr. T. A. Norment, of the firm of O. C. Norment & Co., fell on the ice last Saturday forenoon, dislocating and seriously fracturing his left arm. He was at once taken home and Drs. R. M. and T. A. Norment called in, who soon had him as comfortable as he could be made. The pain was very excruciating and he will be disabled for some time.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents.

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

A. D. BROWN'S
Christmas Offerings

—AT—

No. 29 North Front St.

Bric-a-Brac.

Rose Jars in Black, Purple, Lemon and Pink at 40c, $1.00 and 2.00.
Pin Trays in Black, Pink and Blue, decorated, 25c each.
Hand-painted Wine and Medicine Glasses 10c each.
Real Cut Glass Vases at 75c each.
Violet Jars in shades of Pink, Blue and Green 20c each.
Low Tea Cups and Saucers in Blue, White and Pink, 35c, 65c, 20c, 15c, 25c and 50 cent. Assorted Salad Plates 15 and 20c each.
Oat Meal Sets 75c, variety of colors. Cracker Jars 75c and $1.95.
Salad Bowls, fancy shades, 50c each. Bread and Butter Plates 20c each.
Sugars and Creams, assorted, Pinks and Greens, $2.75 set.
Sugars and Creams, assorted, Pinks and Greens 75, 50, 35c and $1.00.
Wedgewood in Tea Pots at $2.50; Cream Pitchers at $1.00 and $1 50.
Cut Glass Vinegar Bottles at $1.75. Venetian Vases 35 and 90c.

Dolls, Dolls, Dolls.

RUGS FROM THE ORIENT AND DOMESTIC RUGS FOR XMAS GIFTS. "Nothing certainly is as well adapted as it combines beauty with usefulness;" "a combination not at all times obtainable."

20th Century Toilet Hints.

Delicate Balms, Creamy Unguents, Stimulating Lotions and Soothing Powders that could not harm the skin of a babe, find place within the sanctum of the woman who but a few years ago was practically ignorant of toilet arts.

We are sole Agents for HUDNUT'S TOILET REQUSITES.

Dress Goods, Notions, Handkerchiefs, Carpets, Laces and Gloves.

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OPERA HOUSE,

Thursday Evening, Dec. 10th.

Hoyt's masterpiece and greatest Comedy,

"A Midnight Bell,"

with America's favorite comedian, DIGBY BELL, and the famous comedienne and contralto, LAURA JOYCE BELL.

Car-load of special scenery and mechanical effects. Twenty-five people in the cast. su tu th dec 6 3t

OPERA HOUSE.

Friday Evening, December 11.

Shelter of the Silver Cross Benefit.

A PIOUS FRAUD.

"The most delightful comedy,"—*N. Y. World*

"Full of humorous lines and funny situations,"—*N. Y. Herald*

Mr. Spettigue	Mr. T. H. Wright
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Brassett, College Scout	Mr. Beverly Mason
The New Footman	Mr. W. W. Vick
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Donna Lucia D'Alvadorez	Miss Margaret I. Meares
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Fun begins 8.30. Carriages 10.10.

Reserved seats any part of the house 50 cents.
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Kirmess Rehearsals.

THE ORCHESTRAL REHEARSALS FOR the Kirmess are arranged according to the following schedule. The dancers will please note the time and a full attendance is requested in the City Hall:

For Friday, December 11—7 30 P. M.—Indian Moon, Gypsy Tambourine, German Dance, Swedish Dance, Satsuma Shinto, Spanish Wedding and Indian Ghost

For Saturday, December 12—9.00 A. M.—Little Japanese and May Pole; 10 A. M., Gypsy and Indian Moon; 12 Noon, Nile Worshippers and Sphynx; 3, P. M., Greek and Greek Attendants; 7 P. M., a full and complete rehearsal of all the dances is called, and is imperative. This last is to be held in the Opera House.

All the principal characters must come. No spectators are admitted to any rehearsals. dec 10 3t

KIRMESS

GRAND SPECTACULAR PRESENTATION of the Kirmess and Dances of the Nations will be given at the Opera House, Wilmington, N. C.

Evenings of December 14, 15, 16 and 17.

Matinee on Saturday, December 19.

Reserved seats will be on sale at Yates' Book Store, Wilmington, N. C., at 9 a. m., Thursday, December 10th. Prices 50 cents and $1.00.

Seats may be reserved by letter or telegram.

Special rates and trains on Railroads.

Read full description and interesting particulars in "The Kirmess," for sale at all Book Stores, price 5 cents. dec 6 12t

Sale of Stock.

BY DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIrectors of the "East Carolina Piscatorial Association," I will expose for sale to the highest bidder, at public auction for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover county, in the City of Wilmington, on Saturday the 26th day of December, 1896, at 12 o'clock M., twenty shares of the capital stock of the "East Carolina Piscatorial Association," standing in the name of Thomas Perrett to satisfy and pay the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars, due as unpaid assessments on said stock; said assessments having been duly and regularly called by order of the said board and payment thereof having been duly refused by Thomas Perrett, the subscriber to said stock.

JOHN D. BELLAMY, JR., Attorney.
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Sealed Proposals !!

WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE MAYOR'S Office, City Hall, until noon December 23rd, 1896, for furnishing material and for grading and placing the same on the following named streets: Third street from Dock to Red Cross, Chestnut street from Front to Seventh, Castle street from Front to Seventh, Fourth street from Market to Castle. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

W. N. HARRISS, Mayor.
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500,000 Cabbage Plants

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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 10, 1896

IT HAS A MISSION.

There has been more or less talk among the Democrats who bolted the Chicago platform, and voted for either Palmer or McKinley, of "reorganizing" the Democratic party, but there is little probability of the gentlemen who have undertaken this job accomplishing it on the lines proposed, for that would require the abandonment of the very issue which formed the main contention in the last campaign and the surrender of the 5,500,000 voters who voted for Bryan to the 223,000 who voted for Palmer.

But if Mr. Bynum, whose ambition now seems to be to figure in this work, represents any considerable number of those who co-operated with him in the past campaign, it is not a reorganized Democratic party they are after but a new party, which is shown by the name that the Indiana statesman and party architect proposes to give it,—the Democratic-Republican party,—an odd hyphenated combination and a rather cumbrous one. We do not think Mr. Bynum will find many Democrats to go into that combine, and still fewer Republicans.

As far as the Democratic party is concerned it needs no reorganization. It is in the field to stay, its doors are open to all who propose to come in in good faith, and it must stay, for it has a mission to perform whether it be finally successful in winning what it battled for in the last campaign or not. The only way that we can secure the monetary reform that the people demand, whether it come in the shape of free silver or in some other shape, is by keeping up a compact organization ready and determined to fight for it. If the party which supported Wm. J. Bryan for the Presidency were to abandon the agitation for the restoration of silver, and were to subscribe to the gold standard doctrine, the present generation would see no material reform in the monetary system, which would grow worse, if anything, rather than better. The hope of bimetallism is in the continuance of the agitation for it and in the aggressive attitude of those who are contending for it.

It was this that forced the gold men who shaped the Republican national platform to incorporate a bimetallic plank in that platform and to couple the declaration for bimetallism with the pledge to endeavor to secure international agreement to the end that we might have the free and unlimited coinage of silver. The Republican party is committed to that, and so is President-elect McKinley, who took occasion to refer to it and to endorse it in his letter of acceptance.

But since the election, apprehensive that some movement may be made in that direction and fearful that possibly it might result in something, some of the so-called Democratic papers, which, like the New York *Sun*, supported McKinley, and some of the Republican papers, are now pooh-poohing that plank and pledge as mere swindling makeshifts which were intended to deceive and only that. The *Sun* calls bimetallism a "decaying superstition," and the New York *Advertiser*, appropriating one of ex-Senator Ingalls' phrases, calls it "an iridescent dream." There is not the slightest doubt that the *Sun* was correct when it said that plank was inserted in the St. Louis platform out of "deference to a still widespread, but decaying superstition." The men who put it there didn't mean it, they had no idea of carrying it out in good faith, but put it there to deceive the voters in the Republican party who favored silver and who, it was feared, would desert and go over to the silver party unless some inducement were offered to keep them in the Republican party. That was the method adopted and it succeeded in keeping in the party all the friends of bimetallism who were not so uncompromisingly aggressive on that line as to declare for free and unlimited coinage at a ratio of 16 to 1, a question on which a good many of the friends of silver differed.

Assuming (and the assumption is a fair one) that the framers of the platform were not in earnest—nor honest in the utterance about bimetallism and the pledge, and the disposition shown since the election by some of the leading organs to persuade the chosen representatives of the party to ignore both, is it to be supposed that they will show any zeal in moving for a Congress of nations to consider the coinage question? Isn't it more reasonable to infer that unless compelled by some power they fear to encounter they will quietly let the matter drop and give it no further attention? If their inclinations alone governed them this is what they would do, but this they may not think it safe to do, and hence some steps may be taken in that direction.

Senator Chandler has sounded the warning and told them plainly that if they ignore the pledge they made at St. Louis they will bring down upon the party retribution, and therefore they cannot afford to ignore their declarations for bimetallism or their pledge to endeavor to accomplish it. He professed to be a bimetallist before the election, and there were thousands like him in the Republican party, to placate whom that declaration and pledge were made. It was these, as well as the Republicans who abandoned the party on the silver issue and voted for Bryan, that he doubtless had in view when warning his party friends of the danger of trifling with that question and trifling with their promises.

The 6,500,000 men who voted for free silver at the last election will wield a potent influence in persuading the leaders of the Republican party to keep that pledge, and if anything comes of it for silver it will be the result of the presence and aggressiveness of this magnificent array, which intend to keep up the fight for silver until it receives the recognition to which it is entitled. This is the mission of the Democratic party as it stands today.

MINOR MENTION.

A few years ago no one thought of the mountain section of Western North Carolina as a gold-bearing section, but exploration has developed the fact that there are rich deposits there, as explorations have also developed the fact that there are rich deposits in the Central and Eastern sections, where the presence of gold was not suspected a few years ago. While gold has been found to a greater or less amount in about thirty counties of the State practical operations were confined to less than a dozen counties, embracing a narrow belt running Southwest. But year after year, the area of this belt has been widened, until it now embraces a number of counties which not many years ago were not classed as gold-bearing counties at all. The following, which we find in the Hendersonville *Times*, gives some idea of the developments in this respect in that section:

"While in Capt. Toms' office the other day he showed us specimens of ore which had been assayed running from six to thirteen dollars to the ton of gold; had also silver and other metals. The grade is low as far as discovered, but there is almost unlimited quantities. One specimen of rock which has a good showing was procured only six feet from the surface. It is a fissure vein, and he is satisfied it will become richer as it is mined deeper.

"Since the discovery of methods to separate and reduce low grade ores, they have proved the most valuable. All that is needed to develop these mines is the necessary machinery and process. He is satisfied that there is the best field for intelligent mining in Western North Carolina in the United States. Thus far his work has been prospecting, but sufficient has been done to prove that the minerals are in the mountains in this region and as soon as mining experts have examined it they will be ready to develop the hidden treasures beneath. Mr. Toms has mines in this and Transylvania county and just across the line in South Carolina. He has suspended work for the present in his mines, but expects to work them in the Spring. When the attention of miners and capitalists are attracted to this region the mining industry will become an important and valuable one."

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Washington dispatches inform us that the Republicans in Congress do not generally think it advisable to undertake any tariff legislation at this session of Congress, and therefore the Dingley bill will remain in the pigeon hole. They have no idea that it could be passed and very sensibly conclude that it would be time thrown away discussing it. What the Republicans want when they get a whack at the tariff is something that will be satisfactory to Mark Hanna and other interested gentlemen who chipped into the fund to secure the nomination and election of McKinley, the great figure head of protection, and they would rather wait one year or two years to get something that suited them than get seated in the saddle. The possibility of getting through some such legislation after the 4th of March next will be somewhat better than it is now, for then they will be in a better position to barter for the few votes that may be necessary to enable them to carry out their programme, and the probabilities are that this is the view they take of it.

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The promptness with which the movement has been made in Congress to prepare the way by which this Government may take action in reference to an international Monetary Congress indicates that the incoming administration will do something in that matter, and the fact that there is no opposition in Congress indicates that no impediments will be thrown in the way of any effort made to convene such Congress, nor to hamper its movements when assembled, if it should assemble. That is the right spirit. The Republican party is pledged to bimetallism and to an honest effort to secure it by the co-operation of other leading nations. Little faith was put in this pledge by many, but the party is now in such a position that it must at least show a disposition to carry it out or run the risk of consequences of inaction. The people, regardless of party, want something, and something substantial, done on the silver question, to the end that silver may be reinstated as a money metal, and they will approve any earnest endeavor that the incoming administration may make in that direction. Until that is done the silver question will be the leading issue in our politics.

Others have found health, vigor and vitality in Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it surely had power to help you also. Why not try it? [1

BOOK NOTICES.

The children will be delighted with the December number of *Chatterbox*, which is filled with pleasing stories and beautifully and copiously illustrated. Published by Estes and Lauriat, Boston.

The reader of foreign literature will enjoy *The Eclectic Magazine* for December, which presents a fine list of articles from the leading European periodicals, embracing a wide range of subjects. Published by E. R. Pelton, 139 Fifth avenue, New York.

McClure's Magazine for December is a charming number, presenting in the interesting list of contents a paper by Dr. Nansen on his polar expeditions, and a story by Rudyard Kipling. This number is handsomely illustrated. Published by S. S. McClure, 141—155 E. 25th street, New York.

Among the articles presented in the December *North American Review* is one by William Jennings Bryan, entitled "Has the Election Settled the Silver Question?" which will be read with interest as coming from one who has taken such a conspicuous part in that discussion. Address North American Review, 291 Fifth Avenue, New York.

The January numbers of *La Mode de Paris* and *The French Dressmaker* present, as usual, the nine colored figures, in addition to numerous plain figures showing the styles of dress for the season, in addition to which are the "lessons" and other matter so useful to the dressmaker. Published by A. McDowell & Co., No. 4 West Fourteenth street, New York.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The Chicago *Times-Herald*, a paper that ought to know something of the intentions of the incoming administration, refers to the connection of Mr. Hanna's name with a Cabinet place and says: "There will be no objection in any quarter that deserves respectable consideration." This will be sure to produce a vigorours jumping up and down in Mr. Pulitzer's corner.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

—— It is stated that Chairman Mark A. Hanna has been tendered the position of Secretary of the Treasury by President-elect McKinley, in grateful recognition of his brilliant services in the recent campaign Mr. Hanna, it is said, is holding the proffer under advisement; and well he may. The fact that Mr. Hanna is in business which makes him a party in interest in several of the more odious Trusts, while it does not legally debar him from a place in the Cabinet, should operate as a moral impediment.—*Philadelphia Recoad, Dem.*

—— Since Dr. Jameson has been released from prison on account of ill-health, the British Government seems to see no reason for retaining his fellow-raiders, whose health seems to be unimpaired, and it is reported that they will all be released before Christmas. Their sentences were very light, to start with, and now they are to be considerably reduced. The proceeding shows what the British Government really thinks of the Jameson raid, and will not strengthen the friendly relations between it and the Government of the Transvaal.—*Phil. Ledger, Ind.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Brown—When you see a good thing push it along.

Jones—I guess you will stay where you are.—*New York World.*

— "Pa, what is the penalty when a minister is convicted of heresy?"

"Well, Bobby, it is generally a raise of salary from another church."—*Judge.*

— Bobby—Pa, a man who lives in New York is a New Yorker, isn't he?

Pa—Yes, Bobby.

Bobby—Well, is a man who lives in Kalamazoo a Kalamazoolu?—*Judge.*

— "What in the name of Jupiter did you sew up all the pockets of my overcoat for this morning?"

"Dearest, that letter I gave you to post was very important, and I intended to make sure you carried it in your hand!"

— "I don't quite see why you call Mr. Biggs lantern-jawed."

"Why, because his face lights up so when he talks."—*Brooklyn Life.*

— She—"Do you think smokeless powder will ever be used in war?"

He—"Yes; when I accused Miss Bedkey of using it the other evening we immediately went to war."—*Wash. Times.*

— Greenville *Reflector*: For the fiscal year ending the first Monday in December, 1896, there were 805 marriage licenses issued in Pitt county. Of this number, 140 were for white couples and 165 for colored couples. This is an increase of 48 over the previous year.

Will Not Perform Miracles But It Will Cure.

DR. MILES' RESTORATIVE NERVINE cures nervous prostration. Not miraculously, but scientifically, by first removing the germs of disease, and then supplying healthy nerve food, increasing the appetite, helping digestion and strengthening the entire system. Desperate cases require prolonged treatment as shown by that of Mrs. M. B. Reed, of Delta, Iowa, who writes: "As the result of a lightning stroke, the physicians said I had a light stroke of paralysis, my limbs would all draw up. I would have throbbings in my chest that seemed unendurable. For three months I could not sleep and for three weeks did not close my eyes. I prayed for sleep, and felt that if relief did not come I would be dead or insane. I took Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and the second night slept two hours and from that time on my health improved; slowly at first, but steadily and surely. I took in all 40 bottles, and I cannot express how grateful I am, for I am now perfectly well, and have taken no medicine for over four months." Dr. Miles' Nervine is sold by druggists on guarantee that first bottle benefits or money refunded.

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Book on heart and nerves free. Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

Dr. Miles' NERVE PLASTERS cure RHEUMATISM, WEAK BACKS. At druggists, ONLY 25c.

No morphine or opium in Dr. Miles' PAIN PILLS Cure All Pain. "One cent a dose."

For sale by all Druggists. Change.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: While rabbit hunting near Winston Monday Jesse Swain was shot by his brother-in-law, William Mustin, and perhaps fatally wounded. Both are well known farmers of this county. Swain was kicking under a cedar, when Mustin mistook his foot for a rabbit and fired. Nearly the entire load of his shotgun entered Swain's legs, horribly mangled one of them.

— Charlotte *Observer*: Mr. Will Grier, in Sharon township, was in the city yesterday and reports that on the previous day he killed a white partridge. The white partridge had been seen on several occasions in a covey on his farm and he had made ineffectual efforts to trap or net it. Finally, being determined to have the bird, dead or alive, he shot it. The partridge was pure white, with no colored feathers whatever.

— Asheville *Citizen*: R. S. Clark, of Candler, who was here to-day, told the *Citizen* of a fatal accident to Rev. J. J. Greenwood, his next door neighbor and pastor of the Baptist church, Saturday morning. Mr. Greenwood entered his barn about daylight to feed his stock, and was caught and crushed in a stall by a cow, receiving internal injuries from which he died yesterday at noon.

SWEETHEARTS AND CRONIES.

A Politician's Duty Sometimes Clashes With More Pleasing Affairs.

"Well, I'm up against it," said Alderman Percy Pulsifer bitterly, inadvertently dropping into the slang of the streets and the council chamber.

"That's where you have been most of the time recently," returned Tom. "What's your hard luck tale now?"

"I've proposed."

"That's pretty tough, of course, but then, you've talked so much about that girl who has been visiting your sister that I am not much surprised."

"Oh, it isn't the proposal!" explained Percy, so deeply engrossed in his own tale of woe that he forgot to take offense at Tom's remark. "It's what happened afterward that troubles me. The proposal was all right."

"Accepted you, did she?"

"No, not exactly, but the indications were favorable. She asked for a day to think it over, and of course I gave it to her, and then I asked her to go to the theater with me that evening. That is where I made my mistake. I ought not to have stirred out of the house until the whole thing was settled."

Percy sighed as he thought of his experience, and Tom looked at him inquiringly.

"It was all right during the play," explained Percy, "and I put in the time to good advantage. She intimated pretty strongly what her answer would be, too, and I was feeling as if life was one great dream of bliss, when we came out and encountered one of those political nightmares that have made my life a burden recently.

"'I've been waitin for you,' he said, grabbing me by the arm and trying to pull me into a corner. 'Come to the station, quick!'

"'What station?' I asked.

"'Harrison street,' he answered. 'Bill Finnegan's been pinched. Give the dame on your flipper the shake an come with me.'

"I tried to shake him off, but he wouldn't have it, so I asked him what the charge was.

"'Drunk an disorderly,' he replied. 'Bill's been boosin again, an he tried to stick a man with a knife, but he done more'n any other man in the ward for you election day, an he wants you to try to square it with the police an bail him out. Come on. Your flipper's loose now.'

"He was right. My sister's friend had quietly dropped my arm and walked on alone, and when I finally got away from the man she had taken a cab and gone home."

Tom whistled and Percy looked solemn.

"What did she say when you next saw her?" asked Tom.

"I didn't see her again until this morning at the breakfast table and then she asked me coldly if I succeeded in getting my friend out of the hands of the police."

"And the answer that she was to give you?"

"I haven't asked for it and I don't believe I will—at least for a few days. I may be a fool, Tom, but I am not an inspired idiot and I know that this is not an auspicious time to press her for an answer."—Chicago Post.

THE CZAR IS PROVIDENCE.

The Russian Peasant's Faith In His Sovereign's Omnipotence.

A man who was present at the coronation of the late czar says in Le Courrier des Etats-Unis that he has kept like a never to be forgotten vision the memory of the ecstasy of the crowd prostrated at the threshold of the church where the holy mystery was taking place.

"I recall," he adds, "a certain little old woman whose extraordinary fervor drew tears to our eyes. Over her dirty dress she carried a ragged bag, which contained doubtless a piece of black bread. She was evidently from some distant province and had been walking for a month or more, living on alms, sleeping in a stable with the cattle, impelled by a mysterious force. Perhaps she was fulfilling a vow, perhaps her poor disordered brain pictured Moscow as a place of felicity, a paradise, where the unhappy would be cured of their sorrows. Squatted in the mud, her hands clasping a shepherd's staff, she was gazing fixedly before her. Her wrinkled face of waxlike color was transfigured with enthusiasm. Her lips murmured a prayer, but her eyes were gazing into heaven. There was in this eye a superhuman expression, sad and serene at the same time. This woman was dead to all thought, to all sentiment of real life. She existed as in a dream. Touched with pity, I approached her and slipped a ruble into her hand. Without a glance at him who bestowed this fortune the old woman evidently believed that a miracle had been accomplished. Tears ran down her cheeks, and she extended her arms toward the father, toward the czar, to whom she attributed this benefit."

The Ideal Ear.

An ear to be perfect should be daintily and delicately formed, with the curves all artistic and pretty. It should be neither too thin nor too fat, but a pleasing medium between the two. It should be delicate rose color on the inside and pure white on the outside. The lobe of the ear should be small and well shaped and should curve up toward the cheek, not hang down in an inartistic manner. A small ear is usually a sign of birth and good breeding, but, like everything else, there are vast exceptions to this rule.—New York World.

No Judge.

A late learned and eloquent bishop was very anxious to convert a Parsee who was paying a visit to London, and meeting him on an occasion favorable for private conversation he opened an attack upon his peculiar tenets. "I cannot think," said he, "how any man of intelligence and education, whose mind has been enlarged by travel and association with men of different opinions, can worship a created object, such as the sun."

"Oh, my lord bishop," returned the Parsee, who had not been fortunate in the weather since his arrival in this country, "you should see it. You have no idea what a glorious object it is."—Pearson's Weekly.

McSwat's Great Economic Head.

"It seems to me, Billiger," said Mrs. McSwat, "it would be a waste of money to buy a tandem when we have two bicycles already."

"That's just like a woman," retorted Mr. McSwat. "Don't you see, Lobelia, that when we go out riding with it at night we only need one lantern?"—Chicago Tribune.

FIRST SHIP TO JAPAN

THE WILMINGTON SAILED FROM NEW LONDON IN 1855.

The Yankee Received the Marble Heart as Hikdata, but the Owners of the Ship Got a Big Sum From the Japanese Government For Violation of Treaty.

In the early fifties, shortly after the first treaty was made between the United States and Japan, a little group of New Londoners got together and secretly planned a trading voyage to that far-off and at that time almost unknown land. The pros and cons were carefully discussed, and the verdict, which was unanimous, can be best expressed in the language of Colonel Sellers, "There's millions in it."

Accordingly the topsail schooner Wilmington was secured, and clothing and provisions bought and loaded aboard the little craft that lay impatiently waiting to be off.

Every detail finished, the hawser was cast off on the 23d of January, 1855, and the Wilmington, with a saucy little toss of stern, stood out toward the race. The Wilmington was owned by Thomas Fitch, Captain William Brown and George Fitch, all of this city, and was officered as follows: William Brown, captain; Thomas Gager, first mate, and George Fitch, second mate. In addition to these were a cook, a colored steward and four able seamen.

Fairly clear from the harbor, the course was laid for Cape Town, and she made the run in 53 days, remarkably good running for any craft. But for this little schooner the run was considered marvelous.

The rest of the story is best told by George G. Fitch. He said: "We ran into Cape Town and traded for about two weeks or ten days, and had fair success. Then we ran up to Ange point, on the island of Java, and traded at the Dutch settlements for a week or so, and from there we ran up to Batavia, which was quite a large city, and did very well there. After laying there for a short time, as long as the natives would trade, we sailed for Hongkong.

"The Malays were very friendly to us, though there were lots of pirates all around there, but they never molested us. We watched them pretty closely, and I guess maybe that had as much to do with it as anything else.

"We had intended to stop at the islands of Borneo, but we heard of an English bark that had been there but a short time before and had all hands murdered.

"We gave that place the go by and went on up to Hongkong, as I before stated. We ran into the last port leaking, and discharged cargo for repairs. After we finished repairs, we reloaded what we had not sold of our cargo, and started for our objective point, as originally planned. That was Hikdata, Japan. We ran into the harbor about midday, and were immediately boarded by a lot of Japanese officers, gesticulating wildly and swinging their arms like so many crazy people.

"After awhile and after a mighty bad lot of pigeon English had been spoken we began to understand what they wanted. They were forbidding us to land, and all around were lots of Japanese in boats, and as they looked anything but pleasant we took up our anchor and cruised back down to Shanghai, China.

"The action of the Japanese was entirely unlooked for on our part, as a trading treaty had just been made between them and our government, and their refusal to allow us to land seriously interfered with our plans and caused us a great loss of money. I don't know as you know it, but ours was the first American ship to enter a Japanese port for trading purposes. At Shanghai we discharged our cargo and got the most we could for it and then chartered our vessel for $1,200 a month to the English government for cruising purposes.

"Captain Brown entered a protest against the actions of the Japanese authorities, and the officers and crew scattered and worked their different ways back to New London the best they could. A short while after the English had the Wilmington, she was caught in a typhoon in the China seas and torn up badly. She was run back into port, repaired and finally sold to pay the bill for the same.

"Later the owners of the Wilmington received from the Japan government a sum between $30,000 and $40,000 for nonfulfillment of treaty. The voyage to Japan was first planned and mapped out by Captain William Brown, who was an old whaling captain and had been all through the China seas. It was a failure, and we all lost a great deal of money. We didn't get the money from the Japan government until three or four years ago.

"It was paid to us through Richard Latimer of Hartford, who also has a summer house over on the other side of the river."

Mr. Fitch is the only living member of that memorable voyage left, and may be seen at almost any time drumming up his hacking business at the Union depot, as hale and hearty as when he left these shores to seek his fortune.—New London Day.

A Mystery Explained.

The following is said to be the correct version of the manner in which the late shah made the acquaintance of the boy companion whose presence in England excited so much interest:

Some years ago his majesty was out in the mountains lion hunting when, in the evening, a terrific thunderstorm came on, with the result that he had to seek shelter in the first house or hut to which he came. This happened to be the humble abode of a shepherd, who had but one child, a boy.

During the night the shah heard the child cry, and feeling uneasy his majesty left his room and visited the child. Scarcely, however, had he left his apartment when the roof gave way and fell upon the bed upon which he had just been lying. Had the shah been there he would have inevitably been killed. He was much startled and attributed his deliverance from a violent death to the boy, stating that the child must have been inspired by Mohammed. The following morning the shah directed that both the boy and his father should thenceforward remain in personal attendance upon him.

The boy then became known throughout Persia as Aziz Sultan, or the "sultan's darling." The shah never went out without the boy. The father was subsequently promoted to high rank in the Persian army and accompanied the shah in his east European travels.—London News.

Envied Editor.

John Black, for many years editor of the London Morning Chronicle, prided himself on being a judge of men. His pride was justified by the fact that he secured the services of many very able contributors. Mr. Black was noted for his independence and contented spirit, both of which are illustrated by the following story:

Mr. Black was in the habit of calling on Lord Melbourne, then at the head of the government, who one day said to him in his abrupt way: "Mr. Black, you are the only person who comes to see me who forgets who I am. You forget that I am prime minister."

Black was stammering out an apology, when Lord Melbourne continued, "You never ask me for anything, and I wish you would."

"I am truly obliged to you," answered Black, "but I don't want anything. I am editor of The Morning Chronicle. I like my business, and I live happily on my income."

"Then, sir, I envy you!" exclaimed the premier, "and you are the only man I ever did envy."—Youth's Companion.

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December 18, Friday, E. P., Winston, S. John's.

December 19, Saturday, Com., Winston, S. John's.

December 20, Sunday, 4th in Advent, Murfreesboro, S. Barnabas.

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BAGGING—			
2 lb Jute		@	6
Standard		@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ₩ lb	12	@	14
Sides ₩ lb	6	@	7
Shoulders ₩ lb	6	@	6¼
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ₩ lb	6½	@	4½
Shoulders ₩ lb		@	4½
BARRELS, spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each	1 35	@	1 40
New City, each		@	1 40
BEESWAX ₩ lb	23	@	24
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ₩ M	6 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ₩ lb	15	@	
Northern	23	@	
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	40	@	42½
Virginia Meal	40	@	42½
COTTON TIES—₩ bundle		@	1 20
CANDLES—₩ lb—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	9	@	10
CHEESE ₩ lb—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream	11	@	12
Skims		@	10
COFFEE—₩ lb—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	16	@	16
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ₩ yard		@	5¾
Yarns, ₩ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—₩ dozen	18	@	18
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ₩ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ₩ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ₩ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ₩ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ₩ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ₩ barrel	3 00	@	3 50
Mullets, ₩ pork barrel	5 75	@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ₩ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ₩ lb	5	@	6
" Scaled	3 25	@	3 50
FLOUR—₩ barrel—			
Low grade	3 25	@	3 75
Choice	3 50	@	4 10
Straight	4 75	@	5 00
Fine Patent	4 25	@	5 50
GLUE—₩ lb	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—₩ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White	48½	@	45
Corn, cargo, in bulk—White		@	40
Corn, cargo, in bags—White	40	@	42½
Oats, from store	30	@	32½
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	45
Cow Peas	45	@	60
HIDES, ₩ lb—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ₩ 100 lbs—			
Eastern		@	1 05
Western		@	1 00
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ₩ lb	3	@	3½
LARD, ₩ lb—			
Northern	5½	@	6½
North Carolina	5	@	10
LIME, ₩ barrel		@	1 50
LUMBER (city sawed), ₩ M feet—			
Ship Stuff resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
Wan India carpets, according to quality	12 00	@	15 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ₩ gallon—			
New Crop Cuba, in hhds		@	32
" " in bbls		@	33
Porto Rico, in hhds	25	@	28
" in bbls		@	30
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" in bbls	13	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	13	@	16
NAILS, ₩ keg, Cut 60d basis		@	2 15
PORK, ₩ barrel—			
City Mess	8 75	@	9 00
Rump		@	8 75
Prime		@	8 00
ROPE, ₩ lb	10	@	11
SALT, ₩ sack Alum		@	75
Liverpool		@	45
Lisbon		@	45
American		@	60
On 100 lb Sacks	40	@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ₩ M	2 00	@	2 50
Common	1 50	@	1 75
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ₩ lb— Standard Granu'd		@	4½
Standard A		@	4½
White Ex. C		@	4½
Extra C, Golden		@	4½
C, Yellow	4	@	4½
SOAP, ₩ lb—Northern	5½	@	6
STAVES, ₩ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ₩ M feet—Shipping		@	7 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 00
Common Mill	4 00	@	5 00
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
TALLOW, ₩ lb	5	@	5½
WHISKEY, ₩ gallon—Rochester	1 00	@	1 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	1 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 9.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at $1 10 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Quiet. Hard 1.40, Yellow Dip 1.90 and Virgin 1.80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 35@34½c; rosin, strained, $1 35; good strained $1 40; tar $1 00; crude turpentine $1 10, 1 50, 1 80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	53
Rosin	369
Tar	65
Crude Turpentine	43

Receipts same day last year—36 casks spirits turpentine, 119 bbls rosin, 136 bbls tar, 19 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 7c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4⅝	cts ₩ lb
Good Ordinary	6	" "
Low Middling	6⅝	" "
Middling	7	" "
Good Middling	7 5-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 8c.

Receipts—895 bales; same day last year, 807.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c.

CORN—Firm; 38 to 40 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 11½c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.50 to 3.50; seven inch, $3.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 9—Evening.—Money on call to-day was easy at 1¼@2 per cent; last loan at 1½ per cent, closing offered at 1¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was quiet, with actual business in bankers bills 488¼@488¾; sixty days and 486¼@486¾ for demand. Commercial bills 483@488. Government bonds firm; United States coupon fours 110¾; United States twos 95¾; State bonds dull; North Carolina fours 100; North Carolina sixes 119. Railroad bonds steadier.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was higher.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 9—Evening.—Cotton quiet and steady; middling gulf —c; middling 7 7-16c.

Cotton futures—market closed steady; December 7 22, January 7 27, February 7 35, March 7 44, April 7 49, May 7 55, June 7 60, July 7 63, August 7 64. Sales 266,600 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 240 bales; gross 4,618 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent —— bales; forwarded 717 bales; sales 455 bales; sales to spinners 65 bales; stock 353,990 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 48 937 bales; exports to Great Britain 23,405 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 11,457 bales; stock 1,917,889 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts 180,983 bales; exports to Great Britain 98,419 bales; to France 30,909 bales; to the Continent 39,707 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 3 970,836 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,438,796 bales; exports to France 386,039 bales; exports to the Continent 837,295 bales.

Flour dull, weak and unchanged; Southern flour dull, easy and unchanged; common to fair extra $3 05@3 60; good to choice $3 60@3 90. Wheat—spot dull and easier, closing steady; f. o. b. 97c; ungraded red 90@97c; options dull and weak at 1¼@1¾c decline. No. 2 red December 86¼c; January 86¾c; March —c; May 85c. Corn—spot dull and firm; No. 2, 39c at elevator and 30c afloat; ungraded mixed 24c; steamer mixed No. 3 35¼c; options were dull and firm at unchanged prices to ¼c decline; December 29c; January 29¾c; May 31¾c. Oats—spot dull and steady; options easier; December 23c; January 23¼c; May 25¾c; spot—No. 2, 23¼c; No. 2 white 25¼c; mixed Western 23@23c; white do. 23@ 32c. Lard quiet and nominal; Western steam $4 15; city $3 87½@3 75. December $4 05, nominal; refined dull; Continent $4 40; South America $4 75, compound $4 37½@4 50.

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In the folds where it hath lain,
So the thought of you remaining,
Deeply folded in my brain,
Will not leave me—all things leave me—
You remain.

Other thoughts may come and go,
Other moments I may know,
That shall waft me in their going
As a breath blown to and fro.
Fragrant memories—fragrant memories
Come and go.

Only thoughts of you remain
In my heart where they have lain,
Perfume thoughts of you remaining,
A hid sweetness in my brain.
Others leave me—all things leave me—
You remain.

—Arthur Symons.

SOME PECULIAR ACCIDENTS.

An Oculist Tells How the Sight of Several Persons Was Destroyed.

A prominent oculist of this city gives the following list of queer accidents that have come under his observation recently:

A little boy, 10 years old, was standing in front of a bird fancier's shop when an aged parrot seemed to take a sudden animosity to the child and darted at him, picking out one eye before he could get out of the way.

Some linemen left a lot of short wire lying on Enterpe street after repairing the telephone connections in that district. An old negro woman who was on her way to market early the next morning stepped on one end of a bit of this wire, when the other end flew up, striking her in the eye and blinding her.

A milker employed at one of the dairy farms near the city was milking a cow that had got her tail matted and tangled with cockleburs. In the course of the milking the cow switched her tail into the man's face, the mass of burs striking him in one eye and completely destroying the sight of it.

A lad shooting at sparrows with an airgun hit his little brother in the eye and blinded him for life.

Tommy Peats, the handsome, bright eyed 7-year-old son of a widow, fell down stairs backward. When his mother got to him and picked him up, the boy was asleep, the shock having affected him in this singular manner, and in an hour after, when he opened his eyes, they were badly and irrevocably crossed.

A poor lad who is affected with epilepsy during a recent attack fell against the steam coils in his father's office, burning and blistering his eyes so badly that the sight is gone.

As the Louisville and Nashville passenger train was coming into the city some ruthless person threw a stone at the day coach, shattering one of the windows. The particles of glass flew into the face of a man sitting by the window, as many as 40 of them embedding themselves in his eyes alone. Most marvelous to relate, every bit of glass has been abstracted and the man's eyesight remains unimpaired.—New Orleans Letter in Philadelphia Times.

What Shall We Call It?

The boys call it a "bike" and are happy; the dictionary makers call it a "bicycle" and rest content, though heaven knows the philological sin ought to lie heavily on their literary consciences, and we who ride and are happy and independent call it a "wheel," in spite of the finicky protest of sundry would be pedants who fill space in the daily and weekly papers. Pray, why not "wheel?" Do you know of a better name? Surely not "bicycle," for "bicycle," besides being an awkward word, does not describe the instrument of delight we know, as doubtless the originator of the word fully dreamed it did. "Bicycle" has an affected, strained sound that ill accords with the best elements of the language we love, the language whose strength lies in its short, crisp words, pulsating with life and meaning.

It is not unusual to designate a specific thing by a generic term, and we do no violence to the language when we say we ride a wheel. The term came into general use when men did literally ride upon a wheel, in the days of the old "ordinaries," before the advent of "safeties." It was a wheel they rode, the second member of the machine trailing behind in almost unnoticed insignificance. It was then that a thousand tongues at once named the wheel. This democratic term of spontaneous birth has had a tenacious life and will still live, for it is always the people who make language, not pedants nor dictionary compilers.—Womankind.

Rainbows That Can Change Sex.

In many parts of the world it is the general belief that the rainbow has the power to change sex. This queer belief obtains in such widely separated districts as South Africa and Norway and China and Australia. The Zulus have a long folklore story of the young man who was changed into a wrinkled old woman by touching the many hued arch. The Scandinavian peasants have a similar story, and in Greece they say that anybody who runs against the end of the rainbow will have his or her sex instantly changed. In France and India to pass under the rainbow has a similar effect.—St. Louis Republic.

Old Story to Him.

"My boy," said the passenger with the fur lined coat and the smooth shaven, square face, "it was the success of the season. There wasn't standing room."

The conductor smiled a sour smile. "Zif I didn't have the same experience every day," said he to the motorman.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Three.

A serious looking person had charge of the grammar division of a school examination and gave a bright looking boy this sentence to correct, "Between you and I this is good butter." The boy shortly returned the slip marked thus: "Incorrect. The lamppost is omitted."—Exchange.

DANTE AND BEATRICE

INFLUENCE OF WOMAN AS SHOWN IN THE POET'S LIFE STORY.

All the Great Poets Received the Best Inspiration From Woman—"The One Star Kissed Summit That Was Never Out of Sight"—Dante's Character.

M. M. Mangasarian's lecture before the Society of Ethical Culture of Chicago told of the life and character of the author of "Inferno" and the influence of Beatrice upon the great Italian. Following is a condensed report of the lecture:

Dante Alighieri was the morning star of the renaissance. He was one of the principal causes, as well as the most distinguished product, of that glorious awakening of Europe out of the long sleep of the middle ages. When he was born, Thomas Aquinas, Roger Bacon, St. Louis and Charles Martel were living, and when he died Petrarch and Boccaccio were about to enter school.

The turning point in Dante's life was his meeting with Beatrice at the age of 9. The impression produced upon his mind by her is one of the most significant and romantic chapters in the history of literature. Beatrice was more than a mere woman to him. Art, religion, Italy—these three great ideas became flesh and blood in her. She was his ideal incarnate. The way to paradise lay through her eyes, and all the music of heavenly voices met and melted into an inexpressible symphony in her voice.

Dante had the true poetic temperament. He was dominated by his imagination, and being sensitive as a plant the impressions he received from his surroundings passed into the substance of his soul.

All the great poets have received their best inspiration from woman. In Homer woman is pure melody; in Shakespeare she is perfection—Imogen, Desdemona, Cordelia; in Goethe it is Gretchen who represents the "eternal womanly" leading on the human race, and in Dante it is Beatrice who calls forth his highest powers. Love and art belong to woman. Woman and artist are synonymous terms. It is only when man is born anew in the image of woman that he can become an artist. Very truly the Greeks made the muses feminine, and every immortal singer before he sweeps his hand over his lyre, before he strings his thought in the fetters of meter and rhyme, invokes the muses—the feminine element in the universe.

The lesson of Dante and Beatrice is that it is woman who spurs man to action and greatness. "It is my hope that I shall yet write concerning her what hath not before been written of any woman," says Dante, and this hope with its persistence led him through hell and purgatory to heaven.

Dante was but a child when he first met little Beatrice, but even then the voice of Beatrice, so different from his, so much more musical, with depth and distance in her soft accents; her eyes so dreamy looking, so fascinating, he could not look away from them; her form, so graceful, so spiritual; her conversation, so pure, so natural; a child of divinity, a guest angel from the heavens beyond the clouds, a glowing sunbeam that had wandered to the earth and shot into his heart, a quivering drop of dew from the lips of God, reflecting like a mirror all the joy and peace of life, inspired him to "Vita Nuova."

Later in life, while walking on the street, he met her again, now developed into loving womanhood. She greeted him with a smile. Dante lived to be a great sufferer, he was sentenced to be burned alive and wandered from city to city, a beggar and an exile, but the memory of that meeting, that greeting, that smile, tarried with him as the only piece of blue in his sky which was never concealed by clouds or darkness—the one star kissed summit that shone before him and was never out of sight.

The love of Dante was not a sensuous love, but the devotion of the mind to truth and beauty. It was love chastened by sorrow, mellowed and deepened by contemplation. It was not a feverish, fitful, capricious love, but calm, true and serene. All he craved was the privilege to contemplate her face, to keep her image graven on his heart. Dante's love was purer than that of Abelard for Heloise, than that of Petrarch for the beautiful Laura—far superior to any conception of it in Boccaccio. "Whensoever she appeared before me," he writes, "I had no enemy left on earth. The flame of charity kindled in me caused me to forgive all who had ever offended me." Virgil tells him in purgatory that love must be so pure as to be of all virtues the seed. Love is defined as a spiritual motion, a flame which ever upward strives.

In religion Dante was a Catholic with Protestant tendencies. When examined by St. Peter at the gates of paradise he gives answers which show him to be a theologian as well as a philosopher. He has tried all the paths of philosophy, pagan and Christian, but, fatigued and disappointed, returns to throw himself into the arms of faith. He demands, therefore, the unconditional subordination of the reason to revelation.

The character of Dante is not very attractive to us. He had the passion of an Italian. Revenge was sweet to his soul. He was at times unpardonably vindictive in his partisan warfare and even nauseating in the language he uses about his enemies in describing their torments in hell. The portraits of Dante invariably represent him with a curl of disdain upon his lips, a scowl on his face, which the darkness of the inferno made darker, but which heaven's light and music could not dispel. "See him, his black hair crisped in the fire as he passed through hell," said the women when they met him on the streets, and others in Verona, observing his downcast look, whispered to each other, "There goes the man who has seen hell."

But Dante was the child of his times. He was cradled in a storm and suckled at the bosom of an age perhaps the most violent in the history of Italy.

Dante was at first a Guelph—that is to say, a supporter of democracy and the church.

The tragic element predominates in Dante's life. Sorrow is his altar, and from his pen flow tears and blood. He suffers from the malady of the ideal. In his own words, "the stinging force of a new thirst" torments him. He is like Emerson's hero, who is not fed on sweets, but daily his own heart he eats.

DOLLAR SIDE AND SHILLING SIDE.

A Commercial Tradition Which Has Lost Its Force In New York.

For the purposes of retail business the two sides of every thoroughfare were formerly thus divided: The left hand side going north or the right hand side going south along any broad street or avenue of New York was the "dollar" or more profitable side, and the right hand going north or the left hand going east was the shilling side, devoted to less productive business matters and depending chiefly upon the patronage of persons of more modest incomes and slender purses. In the early commercial life of New York city the west side of Broadway was considered to be the more desirable for retail business. The stores upon it paid a much larger rent than those on the side opposite, and not only was this the case, but, as the New Yorkers of a generation ago remember, the west or "dollar" side was the more popular for pedestrians, especially during the promenade on fair afternoons. An iconoclast of mercantile customs and traditions was the late A. T. Stewart, and it was his constantly avowed belief that a rule of business or affairs which had no other backing but that of usage or precedent did not amount to much and could usually be overridden to the advantage of a pioneer against it. The present Stewart building at the corner of Broadway and Chambers street is on what was the shilling side of that thoroughfare, and when Mr. Stewart determined to move his dry goods establishment up town he chose by preference the location at Broadway and Tenth street, also on the shilling side, and built there, contrary to the views of his rivals in the dry goods business.

But Mr. Stewart's departure from the unwritten business rule of years did not abrogate it in the dry goods trade, and the preference for the dollar side and the prejudice against the shilling side survived by many years the use of shillings as a measure of purchase in dry goods stores. Little by little, however, the once unwritten law of retail trade has fallen into disuse, and now the right hand side of the public thoroughfares in New York devoted to store purposes, if not quite as good as the left hand side of the same street, is, among real estate men and retail dealers, considered to be nearly as good.—New York Sun.

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"I've got a financial interest in six big dry goods establishments," she said, opening a small package containing half a yard of silk.

"Nit," said he.

"Nit!" How I hate that word! The man who started that ought to have six months!"

"It was a woman, you know."

"I don't believe it! But you don't know anything about women."

"Thank God!" he retorted satirically. "But how about your investments?"

"Well, it is true. Now, look here. You see that little check?" She exhibited one of the little memorandum slips issued by stores for goods returned—exchangeable.

"What in the world is that?" he inquired.

"Why, you see, I go to a big store in Sixth avenue and buy a bit of silk or something, and when it comes home I don't want it, or maybe I change my mind and would rather have something else. I take it back and get a credit check for what I paid, or I get some other cheaper article and get a credit check for the balance. This is the balance this particular store owes me, and I can go and trade it out at any time. Sixty-seven cents!"

"Sixty-seven"—

"Oh, you can get lots of things for 67 cents! And then I may take this back and get more credit. Let's see! Forty-three and—yes, that would be $1.10. I'd have $1.10. I don't like this very much anyhow. It looks shop worn. Don't you think so?"

"N-no. I don't know. But the man who sold it to you must be"—

"Shop worn? Well, yes. He did look queer to me. Next time I'll go to—I'll take this back Monday and try the Blank Bros. They have such nice things there! I've got a credit check there for $1.60 too. Oh, yes, and one at Dolly & Co.'s for 97 cents, and"—

"Yes, but do you ever really buy anything—for keeps, you know?"

"Oh, yes, sometimes. I may keep this. They make you wait so long to look up your credit where I got it! Just as if they'd like to keep you out of your money as long as possible for the interest it draws! But it's quite nice to have credit at the big stores and to know you could go in and buy if you wanted to. I've got an interest in six establishments, and, do you know, I can just buy hundreds of things and not spend very much? It's lots of fun, and it keeps business moving right along. And you really don't want anything much after you've got it."—New York Herald.

Toad Poison.

The toad's "poison" is a white, highly acid fluid, which is secreted by the glands of the skin of its back, and through two small eminences just behind its head (not from its mouth) the animal can eject the venom. This white fluid is alluded to in the Galloway ballad of "Robin a Rie:"

The milk on the taed's back I wad prefer
To the poisons in his words that be.

The secretion no doubt helps to protect the toad from many of its natural enemies—birds, lizards and so forth—but not from all. Both hedgehogs and snakes devour toads with impunity. A dog will always refuse to take a toad into its mouth, because the secretion from the creature's glands burns its mouth and lips. If the venom be injected beneath the skin of a dog, it will cause great local inflammation, with repeated vomiting and convulsions, which sometimes end in death.

The effect of the poison on human beings is much the same. Frank Buckland has a story, related to him by an Oxfordshire surgeon, of a man who once made a wager when half drunk in a village alehouse that he would bite a toad's head off. He performed the feat, but soon his lips, tongue and throat began to swell most alarmingly, and he was for some time dangerously ill. "He had probably bitten," says Mr. Buckland, "right through the center of the glands behind the head and had got a dose of the poison." This genuine and painful experience of the tipsy braggart may serve to increase our skepticism as to the quack's performance as reported by Gilbert White.—Chambers' Journal.

How the Day Was Won.

"Sire," quoth the chief of staff, "the amazons are assembling on the right wing and evidently intend to turn our left with a vigorous charge."

"Do you mean the amazonian wheel corps?"

"Yes, sire, and they are a gallant sight. Their wheels have all been renickeled, and they have donned their new ashes of roses bloomers for the first time. What shall we do to avert the danger?"

"Order out the royal sprinkling carts."

"Yes, sire."

"Let them make the battleground in front of our left wing as muddy as possible."

"Yes, sire."

"Just as soon as the charging amazons in their new silk bloomers strike that mud they will whirl about and ride back as fast as they can pedal."

"For what, sire?"

"For their mud guards, stupid. Then, if we advance rapidly enough to surprise them before they can get their helmets on straight the day is ours."

And it was even so.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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A M	P M	—WILMINGTON—	P M	P M
	3 00	Lv...Mulberry street...Ar	12 40	
7 00	3 10	Lv...Surry street...Ar	12 30	3 25
9 50		Ar...Jacksonville...Lv		12 25
11 00	3 58	Lv " Ar	10 42	10 25
11 58	4 30	Lv..Maysville...Lv	10 09	9 18
12 30	4 44	Lv..Pollocksville...Lv	9 55	8 40
1 30	5 2	Ar..Newbern...Lv	9 20	8 10
	P M		A M	

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SCHEDULE IN EFFECT Nov. 15, 1896.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.02 a m, Warsaw 11.14 a m, Goldsboro 12.05 a m, Wilson 12.42 p m, Rocky Mount 1.20 p m, Tarboro 2.50 p m, Weldon 3.29 p m, Petersburg 5.32 p m, Richmond 6.40 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.10 p m, Baltimore 12.53 p m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.53 a m, †Boston 3.30 p m.

DAILY 7.00 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.30 p m, Warsaw 8.43 p m, Goldsboro 9.36 p m, Wilson 10.23 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.05 p m, Weldon 1.48 a m, †Norfolk 3.30 a m, Petersburg 3.29 a m, Richmond 4.20 a m, Washington 7.00 a m, Baltimore 8.23 a m, Philadelphia 10.46 a m, New York 1.23 p m, Boston 8.30 p m.

SOUTHBOUND:

DAILY 3.25 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.32 p m, Chadbourn 5.14 p m, Marion 6.05 p m, Florence 6.45 p m, Sumter 8.30 p m, Columbia 9.50 p m, Denmark 6.20 a m, Augusta 8.00 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.20 p m, Savannah 12.50 a m, Jacksonville 7.00 a m, St. Augustine 9.10 a m, Tampa 6.00 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave *Boston 1.00 p m, New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.55 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.50 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12.45 p m, Wilson 2.12 p m, Goldsboro 3.10 p m, Warsaw 4.02 p m, Magnolia 4.16 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12.03 a m, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 3.25 p m, Weldon 9.44 p m, †Tarboro 6.05 p m, Rock Mount 5.40 a m, leave Wilson 6.15 a m, Goldsboro 7.00 a m, Warsaw 7.51 a m, Magnolia 8.03 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.15 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 7.00 a m, Sanford 1.55 p m, Jacksonville 7 00 p m, Savannah 12.10 night, Charleston 5.30 a m, Columbia 5.50 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 2.25 p m, Denmark 4.37 p m, Sumter 7.15 a m, Florence 8.55 a m, Marion 9.34 a m, Chadbourn 10.35 a m, Lake Waccamaw 11.06 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4.10 p m, Halifax 4.28 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7 55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 20 a m, Greenville 8.22 a m. Arriving Halifax at 11 00 a m, Weldon 11.20 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.00 a m and 2 00 p m, arrive Parmele 8.50 a m and 3 40 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9 50 a m and 6 30 p m, arrives Washington 11 25 a m and 7.20 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.35 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.30 a m., Arrive Tarboro 9.10 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8 30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5 30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.10 a m and 8.45 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9.10 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9 42 a m, Rowland 10 00 a m., returning leaves Rowland 5 38 p m, arrives Dillon 5.56 p m, Latta 6.09 p m, Pee Dee 6.30 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.20 p m, leave Conway 2 20 p m, Chadbourn 5.20 p m, arrive Hub 6.00 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence 8 55 a m, 9 10 a m and 8 35 p m, arrive Darlington 9 28 a m, 10 20 a m and 9 05 p m, leave Darlington 9 31 a m and 10 40 a m, arrive Cheraw 10 40 a m and 12 30 p m, leave Cheraw 12 45 p m, arrive Wadesboro 2 25 p m, Returning leave Wadesboro 3 p m, arrive Cheraw 4 45 p m, leave Cheraw 4 45 p m and 5 15 p m, arrive Darlington 7 p m and 6 24 p m. Leave Darlington 7 30 p m, 6 27 and 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8.15 p m, 6 55 p m and 8 15 a m. Daily except Sunday. Sunday trains leave Floyds 7 30 a m, Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 10 a m. Returning leave Florence 9 a m, Darlington 9 30 a m, arrive Floyds 9 40 a m. Trains leave Gibson 6.15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7.40 a m, Sumter 9 25 a m. Returning, leave Sumter 7 20 p m, Darlington 9 10 p m, arrive Bennettsville 10 01 p m, Gibson 10 25 p m.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 37 p m, Manning 6.53 p m, arrive Lane's 7 37 p m, leave Lanes 8.34 a m, Manning 9.10 a m, arrive Sumter 9.39 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.05 p m, 11.18 p m, arrive Selma 2.50 p m, Smithfield 2.58 p m, Dunn 3.35 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m, 1.07 a m, Rowland 5.38 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Fayetteville 11.20 a m, 10.33 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.48 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.42 p m, 12 23 p m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 23 a m, Creston 5 21 a m, arrive Denmark 6 20 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 37 p m, Creston 5 32 p m, Sumter 6 30 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m; arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 8.10 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 9.10 p m. Returning leave Lucknow 6 05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

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Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad

Time Table.

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST. 3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday. Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 20	Goldsboro	11 25	....
....	4 12	Kinston	10 32	....
5 15	5 25	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 37	6 42	Morehead City.......	8 03	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

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4 35 "	Lv...Fayetteville...Ar	11 00
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4 13 "	Ar Fayetteville Junc Lv	11 27
2 55 "	Lv....Sanford....Lv	1 00
12 41 "	Lv....Climax....Lv	2 5
12 10 "	Lv...Greensboro...Ar	3 18
11 55 a m	Ar...Greensboro...Lv	3 2
11 07 "	Lv....Stokesdale....Lv	4 10
10 32 "	Lv...Walnut Cove...Lv	4 40
10 04 "	Lv....Rural Hall....Lv	5 10
8 40 "	Lv....Mt Airy....Ar	6 35

SOUTH BOUND DAILY No. 3.	Bennettsville Division.	NORTH BOUND DAILY No. 4.
7 52 p m	Ar...Bennettsville...Lv	8 30 a m
6 17 "	Lv.....Maxton.....Ar	9 40 "
5 36 "	Lv...Red Springs...Lv	10 18 "
4 45 "	Lv...Hope Mills...Lv	11 01 "
4 28 "	Lv...Fayetteville...Ar	11 19

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6 00 p m	Ar.....Ramseur.....Lv	6 45 a.
4 15 "	Lv.....Climax.....Lv	8 35
3 20 "	Lv....Greensboro...Ar	9 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 16 MIXED. daily ex su
Leave Greensboro	9 35 a.
Leave Stokesdale	10 17
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		P. M.	A M
Leave Wilmington,	S. A. L.	* 3 20	
Arrive Maxton	"	6 12	
Arrive Hamlet	"	6 55	
Leave Hamlet	"	7 15	* 9 10
Arrive Wadesboro	"	8 01	9 52
Arrive Monroe	"	8 55	10 40
Leave Monroe	"	9 10	10 45
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" Kollock	"	10 25	
" Cheraw	"	10 45	
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" Greenwood	"	1 00	2 33
" Abbeville	"	1 32	2 58
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" New Orleans	"	* 8 30	
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Arrive Augusta	P. R. & W. C.	† 9 35	* 5 05
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Arrive Macon	M & N.		* 6 40

EAST AND NORTH.

APRIL 5th, 1896.		No 38	No 402
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" Raleigh	"	11 26	1 21
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" Henderson	"	1 00	2 33
" Weldon	"	* 3 00	* 4 05
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" Norfolk	"	6 00	7 50
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THE PRIZE-FIGHTERS.

Suit Brought by Fitzsimmons Against Sharkey to Recover the Prize Money.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 9.—Col. H. I. Cowalski, the legal representative of Bob Fitzsimmons, has brought suit directly against Tom Sharkey to recover $10 000 which the defendant is alleged to be withholding from the rightful owner.

"This action," explained Col. Cowalski, "can settle the whole controversy in short order. If Sharkey, Earp, Lynch and that clique are in the right they can get in and prove it. If they are in the wrong they will bring up some technicality and cause delay.

"We will appear before Judge Sanderson and produce our witnesses. We will show that there was a conspiracy by which Fitzsimmons was robbed of $10,000, and the evidence which we have in our possession is overwhelming. The reason we desire to put our case before the court is that witnesses in affairs of this kind are of a migratory character. Their business calls them away. While they are here we want to hear their testimony instead of having to delay matters by having to send out of the State for depositions. If the Lynch-Sharkey side wish to act in good faith and hopes to present a clear case, it can produce its evidence either to-day or to-morrow. There is no reason for delay in the matter. Either Sharkey is right and Fitzsimmons wrong, or vice versa."

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 9.—The *Sun* says: Spot cotton here was unchanged with sales of 55 bales for spinning; 400 were delivered on contract. Middling uplands 7 7-16c against 8¼c last year. The speculation to-day was feverish and the fluctuations in prices were frequent and at times sharp. The Liverpool news was better than had been expected and prices advanced here at the opening, but on local liquidation and some Southern selling the improvement was lost and a slight decline followed. The loss was quickly recovered, however, and prices advanced, closing at about the top figures of the day. There was considerable new buying, shorts covered in anticipation of a bullish Government report to-morrow, the South bought and Liverpool and the Continent were good buyers. The estimates for New Orleans and Houston to-morrow were moderate and better reports were received from the dry goods trade.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat, Corn and Oats Closed Lower—May Ribs Unchanged.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, December 9.—May wheat opened from 80¼ to 79¾c, declined to 79¾c, closing at 79¼@79¼c—1¾c under yesterday. Cash wheat was 1¾c lower.

May corn opened at 26c sold at 26@26¼c, closing at 26c—¼@¼c under yesterday. Cash corn was steady at unchanged prices.

May oats closed ¼c under yesterday. Cash oats were steady and unchanged.

Provisions—Product was traded in but moderately. The opening tone and action was firm, the early news from the yards being encouraging. Later, live hogs weakened and product sympathized. The remainder of the session was, with the prevailing tone, steady. May pork closed 2½c lower, May lard a shade lower and May ribs unchanged.

MURDER TRIAL AT OXFORD.

Two Women and Three Men Convicted—One Man Sentenced to be Hanged—The Others to the Penitentiary.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, December 9.—Two women and three men, all negroes, have for several days been on trial at Oxford for murdering the aged father of the two women eighteen months ago and burying him in their yard. All except one, Calvin Mosgum, were convicted of murder in the second degree and given ten to twenty years in the penitentiary. Mosgum is sentenced to be hanged January 29th. The murder was a horrible one. The victim's body was covered with trash and people walked over it daily.

FIRE AT WINSTON, N. C.

Brown Bros. Tobacco Factory Burned—Loss, $150,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WINSTON, N. C., December 9.—The manufacturing plant of Brown Bros. Tobacco Company was burned at 3 o'clock this morning. Loss $150 000; insurance, $60,000. Besides the factory and machinery, 350 000 pounds of manufactured tobacco and 150,000 pounds of leaf were consumed. The origin of the fire is not known.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 9.—Rosin steady; strained common to good $1 80½. Spirits turpentine quiet and steady at 37½@38c.

CHARLESTON, December 9.—Spirits turpentine firm at 34½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; A, B, $1 40, C, D, E, $1 45, F $1 47½, G $1 50 H $1 55, I, $1 60, K $1 65, M $1 80, N $2 00, W G $2 20, W W $2 50.

SAVANNAH, December 9.—Spirits turpentine opened firm at 35½c, with sales of 77 casks; closed firm at 35c, with sales of 625 casks; receipts 1,025 casks. Rosin firm; sales of 5,500 barrels; receipts 4 300 barrels: A, B, C, D, E, F $1 47½, G $1 52½, H $1 60, I $1 70, K $1 75, M $1 95, N $2 05, W G $2 25, W W $2 55.

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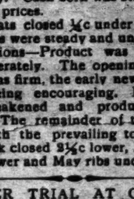

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CUBAN WAR NEWS.

SPANIARDS REJOICING OVER THE ALLEGED DEATH OF MACEO.

Detailed Accounts of the Finding of the Bodies of the Cuban Leader and Young Gomez—General Weyler's Movements—Insurgents Attack a Town Near Havana—More Reinforcements from Spain.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, December 9.—A correspondent at Artesima reports that General Weyler, with his troops, passed through San Cristobal, in Pinar del Rio province, on the 7th, marching along the highway east toward Candelaria. It is still unknown, the correspondent adds, whether or not the Captain General has encountered any body of the insurgents.

The Havana newspapers all print leading articles upon the alleged death of Maceo, and all of them express joy over the report of his demise. They also publish detailed accounts of the finding of the bodies alleged to be those of Maceo and young Gomez, tending to verify the reports of their death.

It is reported that a band of rebels have attacked—Arroyo Naranja, near Havana, setting fire to many of the houses in the town. After sharp fighting the insurgents were repulsed. Five of the soldiers of the incoming garrison of the town were wounded and one woman was killed. The rebels, it is said, lost heavily but carried away their dead with them.

Twenty-five hundred more reinforcements for the army in Cuba arrived from Spain to-day.

Captain General Weyler, in view of the scarcity of the supply of meat for the troops and the residents of the towns in the Pinar del Rio province, caused by the difficulty of getting cattle for slaughter, issued a decree ordering the troops to assist the cattle men to get their stock into the fields. The decree also prescribes rules for payment of the value of the cattle.

The newspaper press of Havana remains silent concerning the references to Cuba contained in President Cleveland's message to Congress. Official circles also maintain absolute reserve in regard to this.

MADRID, December 9.—The correspondent of the *Imparcial*, the only newspaper representative accompanying the Spanish army in its campaign against the insurgent leader, Antonio Maceo, sends an account of the engagement fought on December 7, about fifteen miles from Havana, between a reconnoitering party of 500 Spanish troops under Major Cirujeda, and about 2,000 insurgents, in which Maceo is alleged to have been killed. The rebels were found in a good position at San Pedoro, sheltered behind stone walls, etc. Though the Spanish troops had been under fire of detachments of rebels for some time before coming up to the main body of the insurgents, Major Cirujeda charged the rebels with fixed bayonets, and desperate fighting at close quarters ensued, lasting until night. The Spaniards then retired to Punta Brava, having exhausted their ammunition and lost a number of men. During the reconnoisance upwards of forty dead rebels were found, among them two bodies which were undoubtedly those of Antonio Maceo, the insurgent leader, and a son of General Maximo Gomez. Upon the body of Maceo were found a revolver and a drinking cup, and upon his hand a ring inscribed "Antonio and Maria." His clothing was of a fine texture and his shirt bore the initials "A. M." The man was a mulatto, with hair and mustache slightly tinged with gray. In his coat was found a small diary containing a sketch of operations covering the period from November 27th to December 7th. Some of the entries were as follows: "December 2.—Left to explore trocha and on the 4th passed it, joining forces with Lieutenant Vasques on 5th, Colonels Acosta and Sartorius on 6th, and Sanchez on 7th."

The other man was white and was not more than eighteen or twenty years old. Just before he died he had scribbled with a pencil on a bit of paper, "I die, as I will not abandon the corpse of Gen. Maceo." His clothes bore the initials "F. G.," and in his pocket was found a letter, from which the following is an extract: "Army of Deliverance, Headquarters Staff, Cuba, September 25.—My dear Pancho: For three days we have been attacking Cascorro and already have sufficiently weakened the enemy, and if reinforcements do not arrive who knows if we may not take it. I can write no more, as reveille is sounding and I must mount.

"Your very affectionate father,
"M. GOMEZ."

The correspondent adds that a second reconnoissance was made, when it was found that the bodies had been taken away. Their identity, however, was clearly established.

MADRID, December 9.—The Government has received official confirmation of the death of the Cuban insurgent leader Antonio Maceo. The details as reported to the Government correspond with those telegraphed to the *Imparcial*.

KEY WEST, FLA., December 9.—Private advices received in this city to-night from Havana confirm the report of the death of the son of Maximo Gomez, and on account of certain letters found on the body, the Spaniards report the death of Maceo. In a letter which was addressed to his parents, young Gomez stated he would not abandon the body of Maceo, but would die at his post. He said he had been wounded in two places and to avoid falling into the hands of the Spaniards he intended to commit suicide. He asked his parents not to censure him for the act as he did it for the glory of Cuba. It is reported that Maceo's body is buried near San Pedro or Poturo la Matilde, both of which places are thickly settled. Spanish troops have been sent out to find the body and bring it into the town, and great confidence is felt at headquarters that they will be successful. It is again reported that Weyler is wounded, but the report cannot be confirmed.

ATTACKED BY ROBBERS.

A South-Bound Passenger Train on the Iron Mountain Road.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. LOUIS, December 9.—A south-bound passenger train on the Iron Mountain road was attacked by robbers at Bates street, in the southern suburbs of the city at 9.45 o'clock to-night. As the train approached Bates street a red light was shown. A single shot was fired at the engineer. He immediately put on a full head of steam, and as the train dashed past the crossing half a dozen shots were fired by the would-be robbers. Fortunately no one was injured. The Bates street crossing is in a deep ravine in the southern end of the city. The vicinity was immediately surrounded by a cordon of police and arrests were numerous.

The North Carolina crop report shows that the cotton crop was 76 per cent. of an average. September and October reports estimated it at 65 and 65 per cent. respectively, but the dry and warm Autumn caused all to mature.

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SENATE AND HOUSE.

THREE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON THE CUBAN QUESTION

Introduced in the Senate—A Motion to Take Up the Dingley Bill Discussed—A Number of Bills Considered in the House—Committee on Banking and Currency Considering Plans to Correct Evils of the Present System.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, December 9.—The session of the Senate to-day was attended by several interesting and important incidents.

The independence of Cuba was the subject of three joint resolutions introduced by Senators Cameron of Pennsylvania, Republican, Mills of Texas, Democrat, and Call of Florida, Democrat. The first acknowledges the independence of the island and directs the tender of the friendly offices of the United States Government with Spain to bring the war to a close. The second directs the President of the United States to take possession of the island with the military and naval forces of the United States and to hold possession till the Cuban people can organize a government. And the third recognizes the Republic of Cuba as a free and independent government and extends to it all rights in the ports and within the jurisdiction of the United States. The first two were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and the last was laid on the table temporarily until such time as Mr. Call may desire to address the Senate on the subject.

Something of a political sensation was produced by a motion made by the Populist Senator from Nebraska (Mr. Allen) to take up the Dingley bill for action so as, he said, to preclude the necessity for an extra session. At first objection was made by Mr. Aldrich of Rhode Island, Republican, but after a few minutes' reflection Mr. Aldrich withdrew the objection, which was thereupon renewed by Mr. Palmer of Illinois, Democrat. The motion, however, was carried by a yea and nay vote—38 to 31. A very interesting colloquy followed, and was still in progress when the morning hour expired. The matter then went over without further action, but may be taken up at any time that a similar motion is made by any Senator.

The Immigration bill came up as the unfinished business, but no action was taken upon it, and the Senate, at 2.30 p. m. adjourned until to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The session of the House to-day was conducted under the influence of the spirit of labor which marked the body yesterday. And while it lasted less than three hours, nine bills were considered and two conference reports agreed to, in addition to some other business. Such industry at the opening of a session, even a short one, is unprecedented in the annals of Congress. All of the day's business, however, related to States of the Middle West and Pacific coast.

The usual resolution distributing the topics of the President's message to the appropriate committees was reported from the Ways and Means Committee and agreed to.

At 2.35 o'clock the House adjourned until to-morrow.

The House Committee on Banking and Currency to day decided that some steps should be taken by them to "correct the evils in our banking and currency system." Just what this step will be was not disclosed by the discussion, extending over a period of an hour and a half.

It was decided, and this decision was reached with practical unanimity, that it was useless to call before them gentlemen who are supposed to be experts in finance who have not formulated in writing a definite plan which looks to a practical solution of the present unsatisfactory condition of the banking and currency system. There was some reference to the recommendations contained in President Cleveland's message to retire the greenbacks by an issue of bonds. The committee generally favored the proposition, but it was regarded as impracticable to put it into effect, owing to the opposition which it would meet.

The committee do not expect to reach a conclusion regarding a proper banking bill in time to present it to the House at this session, but it is confidently expected that one will be ready for the called session of Congress, which is generally anticipated. The committee adjourned until one week from to-day.

MADRID NEWSPAPERS

Greatly Excited Over the References to Cuba and Spain in President Cleveland's Message.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, Dec. 9.—The Madrid newspapers are greatly excited over the references to Cuba and Spain contained in President Cleveland's message to the United States Congress and declare that intervention of the United States in Cuba would be unbearably humiliating to Spain.

El Correspondencia Militar says that Spain has forces more than sufficient to punish any interference on the part of the United States in the affairs of Spain.

The general opinion here is that the reference to Cuba and Spain contained in President Cleveland's message to Congress shows that it is the intention of the United States to conform more and more to the Monroe doctrine every time a case arises to which the principle is applicable.

The Cabinet, after debating the text of the message to-day, will form some definite judgment, which it is believed will result in a modification of the relations of Spain with the United States.

The *Heraldo* says the President's message foreshadows the intervention of the United States in Cuba in March next, but adds that Spain will repel the arrogance of the American Government.

N. C. RAILROAD COMMISSION.

Complaint of the S. A. L. Against the Southern States Passenger Association.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 9.—The Railway Commission to-day received from General Passenger Agent Anderson, of the Seaboard Air Line, complaint against the Southern States Passenger Association, charging it with discrimination, in that it, with its combination of roads, denies the Seaboard Air Line the privilege of through transportation rates between the North and Florida, and asking that the Commission prevent this discrimination against North Carolina citizens and railways which have been so fortunate as not to become entangled in the Association.

Hon. William J. Bryan will make two birthday banquet speeches. This was the compromise arrived at after two delegations — one from Omaha, the other from Chicago—had labored with the silver champion to induce him to be the guest of honor at their respective celebrations on the evening of January 8th. His speech at Chicago will be on the 7th.

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FOR FREE SILVER.

An Aggressive Campaign to be Maintained in Every County in the United States—A Bureau of Volunteer Speakers to be Organized.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9.—The result of a conference had between William J. Bryan, Senator Jones, of Arkansas, Gov. Stone, of Missouri, and other prominent Democrats, which took place during their recent hunting expedition in the interior of Missouri, has been made known by Walter J. Vrooman, of this city, who returned yesterday from a visit to Washington, D. C.

When the distinguished party of hunters disbanded it had been agreed to carry on an aggressive campaign of silver agitation for the next four years, and Mr. Vrooman has announced the programme. The national bureau of volunteers is to be organized, with headquarters in Washington. The purpose of the bureau is to maintain speakers in every county in the United States. The speakers must be examined as to their fitness, and will be supplied with all the arguments and statistics obtainable. The field workers will organize free silver clubs and make monthly reports of progress. One of the incentives to active work is a roll of honor. This will be made up of workers achieving the best results, and a place on the roll will be the strongest essential for preferment to a successful Democratic candidate for President in 1900. Mr. W. J. Bryan has been consulted in every step taken, and has consented to become custodian of the roll of honor in the following letter:

"LINCOLN, NEB., Nov. 28, 1896.—To the national bureau of volunteer speakers, Walter Vrooman, chairman, St. Louis: My dear Sir, yours of November 15th received. I note what you say in regard to the plan of the national bureau of volunteer speakers. I shall be glad to receive the honor roll of volunteer speakers, who under the auspices of your bureau labor to cultivate an interest in political questions and increase the devotion to our Government. They are quite correct in saying that the honors of victory must be shared by the soldiers as well by the commanders. In fact, it is much easier for soldiers to select commanders than it is for commanders to secure soldiers.

"Your plan of keeping a record of the work done by each in this great contest enables honor to be given where honor is most due. Yours, very truly,

"W. J. BRYAN."

It is the intention of the bureau to have 5,000 speakers in the field within three months, and to keep the enthusiasm going until election day in 1900.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

The Senatorial Steering Committee Concerned About the Situation in North Carolina and Other States—The Dingley Bill —An Extra Session of Congress Will be Called.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 8.—Late this afternoon at the Capitol, the Republican Senatorial steering committee and Mr. Mark A. Hanna held a conference that lasted upwards of two hours. The situation in the States of North Carolina, South Dakota, Kentucky and Washington, with respect to the election of U. S. Senators, was discussed and it was decided that every honorable method should be employed to elect Senators there, if possible. The possibility of passing the Dingley bill was also considered. While the Republicans will vote to take that measure up whenever such a motion is made, the committee sees that the bill cannot possibly secure the requisite vote to become a law.

It was also the judgment of the committee that an extra session of Congress should be called at as early a day as possible after the inauguration of McKinley.

FATAL ENCOUNTER

By a North Carolina Posse With Two Notorious Outlaws.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., December 9.—Brief details of a fatal encounter had by a North Carolina posse with two notorious outlaws near Nantahala, N. C., comes to this city to-night by way of Athens, Tennessee. A party of deputy sheriffs, headed by the sheriff of Graham county, N. C., were scouring the woods in search of Robert Derrick, an escaped murderer from McMinn county, Tennessee, jail, when the officers were taken by surprise in a recess of the mountains, where Derrick and his pal, John Starkey, had their rendezvous. The party was completely pocketed and exposed to the desperadoes' fire. A deputy sheriff was shot dead and the fugitives escaped. Starkey was captured to-day and jailed at Murphy, N. C. Rewards have been offered for Derrick's apprehension by both the Tennessee and Carolina sheriffs interested. Derrick is wanted in Tennessee on several charges. Last August he shot down United States Deputy Marshal Lum Steel in cold blood at White Cliff Springs. November 2nd he escaped from jail at Athens, Tenn., and fled to North Carolina, where he took refuge in the mountains, just over the State line.

WARM WIRELETS.

There is no change in the price of staple cotton goods in New York city, but the market is an easy one to buy in.

The Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage denies the report that he was going to be married to Miss Susie Mangam, of Sing Sing.

The Indiana left New York for Hampton Roads yesterday. She will remain in the roads, where the other vessels of the North Atlantic squadron will assemble as soon as repaired.

William M. K. Olcott, president of the Board of Aldermen of New York city, has been practically selected to succeed Col. John R. Fellows as District Attorney. All other candidates have withdrawn.

John R. Strauchen, a well known mason and contractor, of Rochester, N. Y., has filed a general assignment. The assets will amount to $175,000, liabilities about $120,000. The failure was caused by Mr. Strauchen being unable to realize on $67,000 worth of shares in the Consumers' Brewing Company, of Norfolk, Va.

Baron de Hirsch's Death.

Baron de Hirsch died in a fit of anger at having been swindled, according to the Hungarian Deputy de Fasmandy, writing to Le Figaro. He had sold his beautiful property at St. Johann on the March on account of its dampness and bought the Ogyaka place near Komorn with the idea of turning it into a children's hospital. After spending $400,000 on the palace without having seen it, he discovered that it was in a bog at the confluence of four rivers.

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For Infants and Children.

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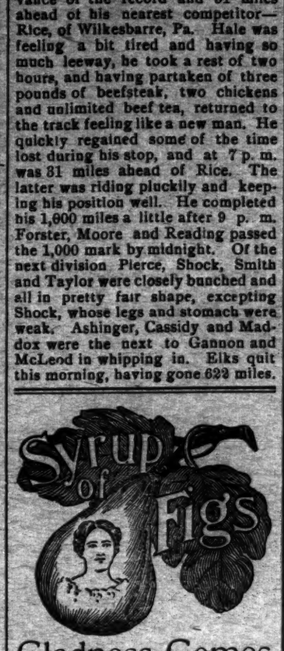
BICYCLE CONTEST.

Teddy Hale the Champion in the International Race at Madison Square Garden.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—"Teddy" Hale, the plucky and graceful Irishman, who has fairly ridden his way into popular favor in the six days international bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, at 11 minutes after 6 o'clock this evening completed one thousand miles and was sixty-seven miles ahead of the best previous record. Hale's time was 66 hours and 11 minutes for the thousand, as against the 74 hours and 41 minutes in which that distance was accomplished by Martin in the 1893 race. The Irishman finished 900 miles at 10 a. m. and was then 97 miles in advance of the record and 51 miles ahead of his nearest competitor—Rice, of Wilkesbarre, Pa. Hale was feeling a bit tired and having so much leeway, he took a rest of two hours, and having partaken of three pounds of beefsteak, two chickens and unlimited beef tea, returned to the track feeling like a new man. He quickly regained some of the time lost during his stop, and at 7 p. m. was 81 miles ahead of Rice. The latter was riding pluckily and keeping his position well. He completed his 1,000 miles a little after 9 p. m. Forster, Moore and Reading passed the 1,000 mark by midnight. Of the next division Pierce, Shock, Smith and Taylor were closely bunched and all in pretty fair shape, excepting Shock, whose legs and stomach were weak. Ashinger, Cassidy and Maddox were the next to Gannon and McLeod in whipping in. Elks quit this morning, having gone 622 miles.



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If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

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NOTICE.

Foreclosure Sale of Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Superior Court of New Hanover county, in the cause therein pending, wherein Thomas J. Orrs is plaintiff and E. W. Hewlett and wife Fannie F. Hewlett are defendants, made at the September term, 1896, the undersigned Commissioner therein appointed will expose for sale, at the Court House door, on Friday, the 8th day of January, 1897, at 12 o'clock M., to the highest bidder, at public auction, for cash, all that lot of land in the City of Wilmington, N. C., bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the northern line of Dock street 110 feet west of the northwestern intersection of Eighth and Dock streets, and running thence westwardly along the said northern line of Dock street 44 feet, thence northwardly parallel with Eighth street 150 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Dock street 44 feet, and thence southwardly parallel with Eighth street 150 feet to Dock street, the beginning; the same being part of lots 4 and 5 in Block 156, in the City of Wilmington, and the same conveyed by mortgage to the plaintiff by the defendants which is recorded at pages 564 et seq., of Book No. 18 of the Records in the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover county, N. C. This the 8th day of December, 1896.

JOHN G. MARSHALL,
dec 8 4tw Commissioner.

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200 Boxes New Firecrackers.
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150 Barrels Apples.
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We have preparations for Santa Claus, and can show you a very nice line of Dolls, Stoves Guns, Tea Sets and Air Rifles, Boys' Pocket Knives, Balls, Iron and Tin Trains from 5c to $1.50 each, Dolls from 5c to $1.50, beautiful with kid body, hair, shoes and stockings, 14 inches long, at 35c each. The warranted Unbreakable Dolls, 15 inches long, with hair and gown, at 50c, and larger up to 75c, $1 00 and 1.50.

We are selling lots of Clothing of all kinds A beautiful heavy weight black Clay Worsed, satin lined, all nice new goods, strictly all wool, at 8 25, worth 10 00 and 12 00. A big drive in heavy all wool well made Suits at $6 50, worth 10.00. A Black Cheviot Suit, well made, at $5.00. Grey and Blue Cheviot at $3 75. We are selling boys' nice all wool Suits, square cut, double-breasted, at $3 00 a Suit.

You may need some Underwear. We have Ladies' Knit Ribbed Under Vests at 17½c each; heavier, all cotton, plain lined, at 25c. Men's heavy 1 pound weight Cotton Under Shirts at 25c. Men's Jager fleeced lined Under Shirts and Pants at 50c each. Wool fleeced soft and fine, same goods, at 75c each. Men's double-breasted back and front at $1.00. All wool both red and colored.

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